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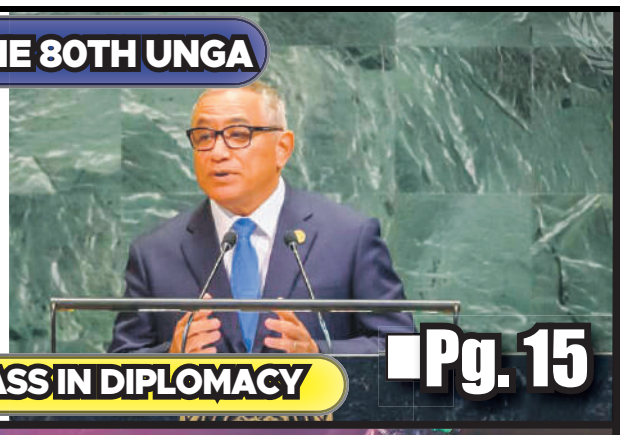

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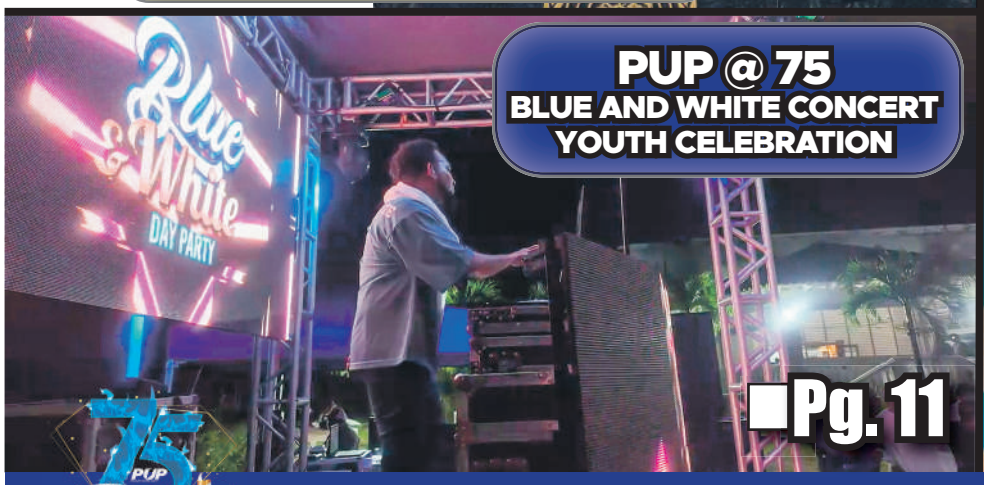


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# PUP@ 75:
## CELEBRATING THE REVOLUTION

The Peoples United Party (PUP) celebrated in fine fete, in 'Suga City', its Diamond Jubilee. On Saturday at Banquitas House of Culture, the celebration started with a festive Blue & White Party, a Youth Award and the historic Party Exhibit showcasing the rich history of the PUP. On Sunday, delegates from all 31 constituencies, the National Executive, members of the Order of Distinguished Service (ODS), the United Women's Group (UWG), the Belize Youth Movement (BYM) and party supporters filed in at the Dome, for the holding of the National Party Council (NPC). The event marked 75 years of being the great Blu Party that continues to be at the forefront of the country's development, serving the people.

The birth of the party is the birth of the revolution "*Where hope sprang from almost nowhere in 1950. George Price and a small band of men heard the cry of pain and suffering. They stood tall and preached the message of change. They spoke about the rights of the people. They talked about self-respect.*" These men spurred the people to demand the colonial power for more wages, better working and living conditions.

It was resonant at the NPC 2025 that the People's United Party (PUP) is the movement that has shaped the destiny of Belize and remains the beating heart of the country's democracy. The Party Leader, Prime Minister John Briceño the chief celebrant said "*Today we celebrate who and what we are. Today, we celebrate as a family. We celebrate as the greatest party this nation has ever seen.*" Deputy Party Leader, Deputy Prime Minister, Cordel Hyde echoed similar sentiments in that "*This is the party of self-government. This is the party of freedom*." The party that gave Belize its name and its independence.

The party that has given away hundreds of concrete houses to deserving citizens. Thousands of house lots, free education, and NHI rollout across the country. Reduction of crime and poverty and creating opportunities for the common man and woman. This is the party that

when it is at its best is [unbeatable] emphasis added. However, Hyde cautioned that the party needs to return to its social justice roots. Cordel advocated that "*We have to return to our George Price roots. We have to be the party that takes care of the people who need our help the most. We have to be there for the ordinary man and woman.*" Emphasizing that the representatives need to return to humbleness, reminding his colleagues that the people are the bosses and not the other way around. That reality was recognized by PM Briceño when he said "*We have to recognize your work today. You are the one. You are the one who has sacrificed so that this dream might endure, so that the work of the PUP can continue.*"

In recognition of the work in continuing the revolution, 33 persons received the George Price Service to the People Award, 12 women received the Gwendolyn Lizarraga Award, 13 youths received the Youth Award, 15 Order of Distinguished Service members were pinned with the 75th anniversary commemorative pin and Sam Waight received the highest award of the party, the Party Leader's Award.

An important component of the NPC is the passing of resolutions and at 2 it is stated: That this Council does hereby solemnly reaffirm its commitment to the timeless values and principles upon which the Party was founded. We declare that Unity remains our greatest strength; that the pursuit of Social Justice for all citizens, regardless of origin or status, is our sacred duty; that unwavering Integrity in public service is non-negotiable; and that People-centered Development, which places the welfare of the common man and woman at the heart of all governance, is our ultimate objective. This resolution speaks loudly to the PUP Social Justice philosophy which is embedded in the party slogan--Serve the People. The resolutions were ratified and will be entered into the permanent records of the National Party Council.

The Council was resolute at 4 "**That this 75th Anniversary is not merely a reflection on a glorious past but a clarion call to action for the future. We march forward, guided by the light of our principles, to meet the challenges and opportunities of the next 75 years, ever faithful to our motto: "Serve the People".**

# Exhibition
## 75Years of Service

On Saturday, September 27, 2025, the People's United Party (PUP) marked a historic milestone with the launch of the PUP@75 Exhibit at the Banquitas House of Culture in Orange Walk Town. The event was not only a celebration of the Party's past but also a reaffirmation of its enduring mission: service, social justice, and unity for the people of Belize.

The evening was highlighted by speeches that reflected on the Party's seven-and-a-half decades of nation-building. It was a gathering filled with pride, gratitude, and vision for the future.

Ms. Ilona Smiling, Director of the Museum of Belize (NICH), "*This moment reminds us that revolutions are not only won in the great turning points of history but lived out every day in service.*"

She noted that the exhibit curated by the Institute of Social and Cultural Research preserves the legacy of leaders and grassroots supporters alike. For her, the exhibit was also personal. "My grandfather was a proud supporter of the PUP," she recalled, quoting his advice to "move with a sense of purpose," words she believes capture the Party's spirit of action.

### A Living, Breathing Movement

Eluide Miller, Administrator of NICH, spoke passionately about the Party's ability to adapt across generations while staying true to its roots.

"*The story of the People's United Party is not just about politics; it is the story of Belize itself,*" he said.

He emphasized that the Party has always balanced tradition with progress—from handing out pamphlets in rural villages to mastering today's digital platforms.

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# EDITORIAL

## Architects of the Future and Heirs to our Legacy

Despite the daunting numerology, Belize was born in 1950, 75 years ago, gained some sovereignty in 1963, but gained complete independence in 1981, some 44 years ago. In 2025, each Belizean lives their own life. George Price, from scratch, led the People's United Party through a national struggle to achieve historic national successes. Pick a year after 1950, and the story of that year can be magnified. Let us pick January 2020, and as an eighteen-year-old, take a look at Belize. At 18, this Belizean belongs to the sector of society that comprises the majority of the population. This 18-year-old went to register to vote as she is ready to make a change, especially since she will soon turn 19 and her search for a job has ended in countless rejections. For her, it was when she was five years old that she started imagining Barrow's possibilities. In 2020, she didn't expect another promise of the best that might still come. Typically, young Belizeans in 2020 were disenchanted, having spent more than half of their lives preparing for a workforce that was devoid of opportunities. Now choose another age range, and a similar story develops. However, in the face of these challenges, the youth of Belize emerged as the driving force, poised to shape the nation's future.

Let's continue with 2020, the COVID-19 pandemic threatens to annihilate the world and disrobes King Barrow. Suddenly, Belize is not flush with funds but down to a trickle, and the coin of the realm disappears. Barrow had lied about the status of Belize, but now the coronavirus had revealed the horrific underlying truth. In May 2020, Barrow proudly announced that he had not heeded the words of the IMF and was now paying teachers and public servants with printed and borrowed money, rather than earned money. UDP Barrow sarcastically grieved, a fact never to be forgotten by the 18-year-old. ALL of the vile, incompetent UDP, including the lord, disappeared as Sanctuary Bay and other scandals were exposed as the tides receded, with more scandals left to be exhumed. Our 18-year-old realised why she couldn't find a job. She saw how the election date was extended to allow the UDP raccoons to pillage. She saw how checkpoints all over Belize were discontinued, allowing for the UDP vandals free rein. She participated in the February 2020 Got to Go mega-demonstration in Belize City, but this only allowed time for obscene contracts to be signed. This 18-year-old can remember the names Bevans, Miller, Imer, Perrera, and other UDP grabbers.

But there was planBelize, and hope was elected in November 2020, and the country has now been transformed. In 2025, the 18-year-old is now 24, has a child, and is married. Both are working, and the child will soon enter pre-school. Life will still bring struggles, but the government, led by the People's United Party, is leading the way with a country that is not wasteful. The same IMF has only praises for the country's progress: its still lowering Debt to GDP ratio; its miniscule unemployment rates; its concerted plan to get even more Belizeans working; its two-punch with record tourism numbers and unprecedented growth in the Agriculture sector; the new Blue and Orange Economies; its region-leading BPO sector which is ready to move in Global Digital; and the government-supported rise of the MSME's as an employer mainly the Small and Micro and led by women. Even the United States of America, which was examining its interests abroad, agreed that Belize is deserving of the restoration of the democracy-and transparency-based Millennium Challenge Corporation US$125 million grant 'winnings' slated for Belize's Energy and Education sectors. Our 24-year-old sees her maturity in tandem with her government, the People's United Party, which she helped re-elect in 2025, and she is delighted.

Today, in late September, she witnesses her Prime Minister, John Briceño, at the United Nations, standing up for Belize. She hears that he is still looking out for her future as young Belizeans "confront new challenges and face new uncertainties. Our environment, including our rivers, reefs, and forests, all face threats from climate change and exploitation. A fragile economy, while moving along, is always at the mercy of forces outside of Belize, outside of our control." She understands what the Prime Minister means when he says "that progress is never handed down. It is always earned through struggle, through organisation, through solidarity. All of us here today must understand that our job is far from done. Our role remains vital. We are the torch bearers of our history and the architects of our future. You (UN) must be the bridge between our proud legacy and the generations yet to come." Our work as a PUP continues; our role, like that of our past leaders, remains. First and foremost, we must always protect our democracy.

Today, the PUP continues to help make the creation of jobs right after graduation a reality. The PUP recognises that people will continually seek even better job opportunities, which presents a new challenge. Therefore, there is continued investment in people, education, health, jobs, and innovation. We must protect and defend our environment, ensuring that Belize remains a land of beauty and abundance for generations to come. The PM asks us to build upon our Party unity because when the PUP is united, no force in this nation can ever bring Belize down. Let us all be architects of our futures and heirs of our own built legacy. Our unity in the PUP is our strength, our bond, and our promise for a better Belize.

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## Arquitectos del Futuro y Herederos de Nuestro Legado

A pesar de la abrumadora numerología, Belice nació en 1950, hace 75 años, obtuvo cierta soberanía en 1963, pero alcanzó la independencia total en 1981, hace unos 44 años. En 2025, cada beliceño vive su propia vida. George Price, partiendo de cero, lideró el Partido Unido del Pueblo a través de una lucha nacional para lograr éxitos históricos. Elija un año después de 1950 y la historia de ese año se puede magnificar. Elijamos enero de 2020 y, como una joven de dieciocho años, echemos un vistazo a Belice. A los 18 años, esta beliceña pertenece al sector de la sociedad que comprende la mayoría de la población. Esta joven de 18 años fue a inscribirse para votar, ya que está lista para hacer un cambio, especialmente porque pronto cumplirá 19 años y su búsqueda de empleo ha terminado en innumerables rechazos. Para ella, fue cuando tenía cinco años cuando comenzó a imaginar las posibilidades de Barrow. En 2020, no esperaba otra promesa de lo mejor que aún podía llegar. Por lo general, los jóvenes beliceños de 2020 estaban desencantados, tras haber pasado más de la mitad de sus vidas preparándose para un mercado laboral carente de oportunidades. Ahora elija otro rango de edad y se desarrollará una historia similar. Sin embargo, ante estos retos, la juventud de Belice emergió como la fuerza motriz, dispuesta a dar forma al futuro de la nación.

Continuemos con 2020, la pandemia de COVID-19 amenaza con aniquilar el mundo y despoja al rey Barrow. De repente, Belice no está repleto de fondos, sino que se ha quedado sin ellos, y la moneda del reino desaparece. Barrow había mentido sobre la situación de Belice, pero ahora el coronavirus había revelado la horrible verdad subyacente. En mayo de 2020, Barrow anunció con orgullo que no había hecho caso a las palabras del FMI y que ahora pagaba a los profesores y a los funcionarios públicos con dinero impreso y prestado, en lugar de con dinero ganado. El UDP Barrow se lamentó sarcásticamente, un hecho que la joven de 18 años nunca olvidará. TODOS los viles e incompetentes del UDP, incluido el Lord, desaparecieron cuando se destaparon los escándalos de Sanctuary Bay y otros, a medida que bajaba la marea, y aún quedaban más escándalos por desenterrar. Nuestra joven de 18 años se dio cuenta de porque no podía encontrar trabajo. Vio cómo se ampliaba la fecha de las elecciones para permitir que los sigilosos mapaches del UDP saquearan. Vio cómo se suprimieron los puestos de control en todo Belice, lo que permitió a los vándalos del UDP actuar a sus anchas. Participó en la mega demostración < Got to Go> de febrero de 2020 en la ciudad de Belice, pero esto solo dio tiempo a que se firmaran contratos obscenos. Esta joven de 18 años recuerda los nombres de Bevans, Miller, Imer, Perrera y otros acaparadores del UDP.

Pero existía el planBelice y la esperanza fue elegida en noviembre de 2020, y ahora el país se ha transformado. En 2025, la joven de 18 años tiene ahora 24, tiene un hijo y está casada. Ambos trabajan y el niño pronto entrará en la guardería. La vida seguirá trayendo dificultades, pero el Gobierno, liderado por el Partido Unido del Pueblo, está marcando el camino con un país que no es derrochador. El propio FMI solo tiene elogios para el progreso del país: su ratio deuda/PIB, que sigue bajando; sus minúsculas tasas de desempleo; su plan concertado para que aún más beliceños trabajen; su doble golpe con cifras récord de turismo y un crecimiento sin precedentes en el sector agrícola; las nuevas economías azul y naranja; su sector de externalización de procesos empresariales (BPO), líder en la región y preparado para dar el salto al mundo digital global; y el auge, respaldado por el Gobierno, de las micro, pequeñas y medianas empresas (MIPYME) como empleadoras, principalmente las pequeñas y microempresas dirigidas por mujeres. Incluso los Estados Unidos de América, que estaban examinando sus intereses en el extranjero, coincidieron en que Belice merece la restauración de la subvención de 125 millones de dólares estadounidenses de la Millennium Challenge Corporation, basada en la democracia y la transparencia, destinada a los sectores de la energía y la educación de Belice. Nuestra joven de 24 años ve su madurez en consonancia con la de su Gobierno, el Partido Unido del Pueblo, al que ayudó a reelegir en 2025, y está encantada.

Hoy, a finales de septiembre, es testigo de cómo su primer ministro, John Briceño, defiende a Belice en las Naciones Unidas. Oye que él sigue velando por su futuro, ya que los jóvenes beliceños «se enfrentan a nuevos retos y a nuevas incertidumbres». Nuestro medioambiente, incluidos nuestros ríos, arrecifes y bosques, se enfrenta a amenazas derivadas del cambio climático y la explotación. Una economía frágil, aunque avanza, siempre está a merced de fuerzas ajenas a Belice, fuera de nuestro control». Ella entiende lo que el primer ministro quiere decir cuando afirma que «el progreso nunca se da por sentado. Siempre se consigue a través de la lucha, la organización y la solidaridad. Todos los que estamos aquí hoy debemos comprender que nuestro trabajo está lejos de haber terminado. Nuestro papel sigue siendo vital. Somos los portadores de la antorcha de nuestra historia y los arquitectos de nuestro futuro. Ustedes (la ONU) deben ser el puente entre nuestro orgulloso legado y las generaciones venideras ≫. Nuestra labor como PUP continúa; nuestro papel, al igual que el de nuestros líderes anteriores, sigue siendo lo mismo. En primer lugar, debemos proteger siempre nuestra democracia.

Hoy en día, el PUP sigue contribuyendo a que la creación de puestos de trabajo tras la graduación sea una realidad. El PUP reconoce que las personas seguirán buscando oportunidades laborales aún mejores, lo que supone un nuevo reto. Por lo tanto, se sigue invirtiendo en las personas, la educación, la salud, el empleo y la innovación. Debemos proteger y defender nuestro medioambiente, garantizando que Belice siga siendo una tierra de belleza y abundancia para las generaciones venideras. El primer ministro nos pide que reforcemos la unidad de nuestro partido, porque cuando el PUP está unido, ninguna fuerza en esta nación puede derribar a Belice. Seamos todos los arquitectos de nuestro futuro y herederos de nuestro propio legado. Nuestra unidad en el PUP es nuestra fuerza, nuestro vínculo y nuestra promesa de un Belice mejor.

## People's United Party's 75th Anniversary
### National Party Council
### Resolution

28th September 2025

**A Resolution Celebrating the 75th Anniversary of the Founding of the People's United Party and Reaffirming Our Commitment to its Founding Principles**

*Presented by: The National Executive Committee of the People's United Party*

WHEREAS on the 29 of September 2025, we mark the 75th Anniversary of the founding of the People's United Party, a milestone that signifies three-quarters of a century of dedicated service, struggle, and progress for the people of our nation; and

WHEREAS on this historic occasion, it is fitting and proper that we pause to honour the vision, courage, and sacrifice of our founding mothers and fathers, who, seventy-five years ago, gathered with a common purpose to establish a party of the people, for the people, and by the people; and

WHEREAS we pay solemn tribute to the successive generations of Party leaders, members, and supporters whose unwavering commitment, tireless work, and profound sacrifices built the Party into the enduring institution it is today, securing historic achievements for national development, social justice, and economic empowerment; and

WHEREAS the foundational principles of the Party—Unity, Social and Environmental Justice, Integrity, and People-Centred Development—have served as our unwavering compass, guiding our policies, our actions, and our covenant with the citizens of this nation through times of great challenge and remarkable triumph.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE NATIONAL PARTY COUNCIL OF THE PEOPLE'S UNITED PARTY, IN SESSION ASSEMBLED:

1. That this Council, on behalf of the entire membership of the People's United Party, does hereby express its profound gratitude and everlasting debt to our founders and all past leaders. We honour their legacy, which has provided the sturdy foundation upon which we continue to build.

2. That this Council does hereby solemnly reaffirm its commitment to the timeless values and principles upon which the Party was founded. We declare that Unity remains our greatest strength; that the pursuit of Social Justice for all citizens, regardless of origin or status, is our sacred duty; that unwavering Integrity in public service is non-negotiable; and that People-centred Development, which places the welfare of the common man and woman at the heart of all governance, is our ultimate objective.

3. That this Council, inspired by the struggles and triumphs of the past 75 years, does hereby recommit itself and call upon every member, chapter, and committee of the Party
to redouble their efforts. We shall move forward with renewed energy and determination to:

* Uphold Internal Democracy: Foster a culture of robust debate, tolerance, and unity within the Party.
* Champion the People's Cause: Serve as the genuine and vocal advocate for the marginalized, the working class, and all who strive for a better life.
* Promote Progressive Policies: Develop and fight for policies that create economic opportunity, ensure quality education and healthcare, and protect our national heritage.
* Prepare for the Future: Equip a new generation of leaders with the ideals and skills necessary to steward the Party and the nation towards greater heights.

4. That this 75th Anniversary is not merely a reflection on a glorious past, but a clarion call to action for the future. We march forward, guided by the light of our principles, to meet the challenges and opportunities of the next 75 years, ever faithful to our motto: "Serve the People".

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that a copy of this resolution be entered into the permanent records of the National Party Council and be disseminated to all Party organs and the people of our nation.

Unanimously adopted this 28 day of September in the year of our Lord Two Thousand and Twenty-Five at the National Party Council convened in Orange Walk Town.

Certified by:

Honourable Henry Charles Usher
Chairperson,
People's United Party

Collet Montejo
Secretary General,
People's United Party

## New Secretary General Sworn In
# Collet Montejo
## PUP NPC in Orange Walk Town

**September 28**

Mr. Collet Montejo grew up in a PUP family. His grandfather, Solomon Jones, his mother and father, Ann and Adolfo Montejo were all George Price PUP supporters. He grew up with his aunt and uncle, Godwin and Molly Buckley who often hosted the Rt. Hon. George Price at their home at 65 George Price Highway. These childhood moments sitting around the dinner table listening to George Price share his many experiences as he fought for Belize's

Independence formed the basis of his political bias towards the PUP.

He eventually moved away from the political influence and, like quite a bit of young people, focused on his career goals. It was not until his early thirties while living in Ladyville and teaching at Canaan High School that he was visited by Hon. Ralph Fonseca. That visit reignited childhood memories and he immediately became fully involved in the politics of the PUP.

In 2007, Hon. Ralph Fonseca tapped him to be the Deputy Campaign Manager for the West. In 2012, he contested the Cayo Central Division for the PUP and narrowly lost by 44 votes. In 2016, he began serving at the PUP Secretariat as the Deputy Secretary General; a position he held until his official swearing in as Secretary General on September 28, 2025 at the 75th Anniversary NPC. In the words of the Hon. Florencio Marin, "*the party is in good hands with him at the helm.*"

## NOTICE OF VOLUNTARY DISSOLUTION

Notice is hereby given that the following company has been struck off the Register of Companies and dissolved with effect from the date indicated:

**FREDALE INTERNATIONAL CORP.**
**24th September, 2025**

**GenPro Consulting (Belize) Limited**
Registered Agent

# Cabinet Brief

*Belmopan, October 2, 2025.*
The Cabinet met on 30th September 2025.

• Cabinet applauded the report from the Foreign Minister that Belize was elected to the Council of the International Civil Aviation Organization (ICAO) at its meeting, which was held on 30th September in Montreal, Canada. Belize is one of 36 of the 193 member states to serve on the ICAO Council for the next three years. The Council is the governing body responsible for Secretariat oversight, and for the ongoing diplomatic and technical decision-making through ICAO while the Assembly is not in session. Belize will be represented on the Council by Kennedy Carrillo, the former CEO in the Ministry of the Blue Economy and Civil Aviation.

• The Minister of the Public Service, Governance and Disaster Risk Management, Hon. Henry Charles Usher, updated Cabinet on the recent flooding situation in the Toledo District, where 108 persons were moved into shelters as a result of flooding. Minister Usher indicated that while the flood waters in the south had subsided, which allowed for those in shelters to return home, NEMO is paying close attention to the water levels and is prepared to act should any threat of flooding arise.

• The Minister of the Public Service, Governance and Disaster Risk Management, Hon. Henry Charles Usher, informed Cabinet that the Elections and Boundaries Department has carried out all necessary procedures for the conduct of the Referendum on the island of Caye Caulker scheduled for Wednesday, 8th October 2025. In the referendum, registered voters will voice their opinion on whether the Government of Belize should pass legislation to create a responsible, regulated, and taxable legal cannabis industry on the island of Caye Caulker, with a portion of the revenue directly benefiting Caye Caulker and its residents.

• Cabinet gave its approval for the introduction of a Deoxyribonucleic Acid (DNA) Bill for an Act to establish a national DNA database to collect and use DNA samples in the investigation and prosecution of criminal offences, in the investigation of missing persons cases, and for unidentified human remains within Belize.

• In fulfilment of its obligation to achieve the delivery of Milestone 5 under the Belize Blue Bond Agreement, which states that “No later than four years after signing the Agreement, the National Assembly shall approve and the Government shall formally sign into law and Gazette the Revised Costal Management Act,” Cabinet gave its approval of the updated National Integrated Coastal Zone Management Plan for Belize and 9 regional Coastal Zone Management guidelines (2025-2030) as the overall guiding strategy by the Government for implementing decisions and actions that affect coastal management in Belize.

• Cabinet gave its approval for the renaming and rebranding of the Development Finance Corporation (DFC) to the Development Bank of Belize. This will represent a renewed institutional identity and will enable DFC to complete its transformation, reinforce its commitment to excellence and national impact, and signal a bold step forward in Belize’s development and climate finance landscape.

• Finally, the Prime Minister and Cabinet thanked Minister of State Christopher Coye for his dedicated service to the nation and extended best wishes for his future endeavours. Mr. Coye will continue to serve as a Government Senator.

**Ends**

# Future Leaders Honored During Blue & WhiteParty Celebrations

As part of the celebrations, a number of outstanding youths were formally recognized for their collaboration and dedicated service on behalf of the Party. Representing diverse constituencies, the honorees are: Giamil Meriel Garcia, Luis Aguilar Jr., Gianna Canul, Malik Leslie, Brittney Galvez, Kelsie Moss, Joselin Cornelio, Patrick Castillo, Zahir Figueroa, Adrian Palma, Kelsie Castellanos, Alain Ernesto Rasth, and Maclovio Ack. The Party extends its deepest appreciation to these young leaders, whose commitment and energy embody the spirit of service and represent the promise of a brighter future for our nation. The Party reaffirms its commitment to fostering youth participation, leadership, and empowerment as a cornerstone of national progress. In his remarks, the Party Leader congratulated the awardees and encouraged them to continue serving with passion and integrity, noting that their contributions strengthen both the Party and the country as a whole.

# National Party Council

## Party Leader Address

# Prime Minister John Briceño

## Orange Walk Town – The Dome

**September 28, 2025**

Cordel, thank you so much. Thank you for those kind words.

And my brothers and sisters of the People's United Party, children of the peaceful, constructive, Belizean revolution, good afternoon. Good afternoon.

Good afternoon. PUP!! PUP!!

And welcome to Orange Walk Central. And I think it would be remiss of me to not thank the executive of Orange Walk Central and DPM. You are perfectly right. You could only be as good as the committee that you have. And so all of this extravaganza that you see here today, I want to thank the executive of Orange Walk Central.

But today, ladies and gentlemen, members of this party, we come here today not as fellow servants of the people, but as proud members of a movement, a movement that has shaped this nation, transformed lives, and changed the course of history. Never forget that it was a People's United Party that gave Belize its name. And yes, it's a PUP that gave independence to the people of this country, the greatest achievement that any party could ever accomplish.And we will never forget it. And we will never let the people forget that it is this Party, your Party, that stood up when others bowed down. It is this Party that said to the world, we are ready to govern ourselves.

We are ready to be free. We are ready to be Belize. We are ready to be called Belizeans, and that we can sit at the United Nations as an equal partner with all the free nations of this world. My friends, let us never take for granted that moment. Let us never take for granted what that moment meant and what it still means today. Our independence wasn't handed to us. It wasn't a gift from the British. It was a victory that was earned by courage, by sacrifice, and by vision. It was led by none other than George Price, the Father of our Nation. His dream was simple but powerful, that every Belizean, no matter where they're born, no matter what they own, no matter what family or Party you belong to, he ensured that every Belizean would have a place in this country. He believed, as we do today, that government exists for

one reason, to serve the people, to serve the people the PUP way, with dignity and with humility.

Mr. Chairman, deputy leaders, our elected representatives, members of the national executive, loyal delegates, friends, and proud supporters of the People's United Party. Today, we celebrate who and what we are. Today, we celebrate as a family. We celebrate as the greatest political party this nation has ever seen. We celebrate as the People's United Party. We gather to celebrate 75 years of our Belizean revolution. We carry with us, not just with pride, but expectations of a movement that has shaped the destiny of Belize and remains the beating heart of our democracy.

75 years ago, the People's United Party was born out of the courage of ordinary Belizeans, who believed that our people deserve dignity, self-determination, and justice. In the face of colonial rule and economic inequality, men and women of vision joined hands to say, Belize belongs to us. The future will not be dictated from abroad. It will not be dictated by the British. It will be written by our own people. That founding spirit, rooted in unity, in sacrifice, in an unshakable faith that the Belizean people and the goodness of our creator has guided us through the great struggles of our history.

And I take great pleasure today to recognize among us the great Don Hector Silva. Don Hector, please stand up. Don Hector has made it his life to ensure that the People's United Party continues the work of George Price. And he has no compunction to call us out when he thinks that we're drifting away. He calls the radio station, he writes on social media, and he'll always make sure that we, the present leaders of this party, continue the work of George Price.

And we also honor the work of thousands upon thousands upon thousands of nameless Belizeans. Those of you like 'Jungle'. Many of you

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Atlantic Bank

**Holiday Opening Hours**

The public is advised that all Atlantic Bank Branches and Drive Thrus will be closed for business on Saturday, October 11, 2025 in celebration of Indigenous People's Resistance Day.

All branches and drive thrus will reopen on Tuesday, October 14, 2025.

Caribbean Regional Fisheries Mechanism

# CARIBBEAN REGIONAL MECHANISM SECRETARIAT (CRFM) STAFF VACANCY

Caribbean Regional Fisheries Mechanism

**Applications are invited from interested and suitably qualified residents of Belize to fill the following position in the CARIBBEAN REGIONAL FISHERIES MECHANISM (CRFM) SECRETARIAT with assigned duty station in Belize City, Belize:**

## FINANCE AND ADMINISTRATION ASSISTANT

**Full details of the position may be obtained by accessing the following website – crfm.int or scanning the QR code below.**

**Applications in English Language with full curriculum details, including nationality, work experience, educational qualifications, summary of professional skills and/or expertise, language proficiency, coordinates (including e-mail addresses) of three referees (at least two of whom must be familiar with the applicant's work), and other relevant information, should be addressed to the Executive Director, Caribbean Regional Fisheries Mechanism (CRFM) Secretariat, Belize City, Belize, and sent by email to jobs@crfm.int copied to secretariat@crfm.int.**

**The deadline for the submission of applications is 10 October 2025.**

Our National Telecom

# BTL Shareholders' Dividend Notice

Shareholders are advised that on 8th October 2025, BTL will commence the process of paying final dividends for the fiscal year ending 31st March 2025.

During the period Wednesday, 8th October 2025 to Friday, 31st October 2025, dividend cheques for Shareholders with Belize District postal addresses will be available for collection at the BTL Headquarters located at #1 St. Thomas Street. Cheques for Shareholders with other district postal addresses will be available for collection at the respective BTL district offices countrywide. Dividend cheques will be issued between the hours of 8:00 am - 12:00 pm and 1:00 pm - 5:00 pm, Monday to Friday.

Please note that a valid ID (Social Security Card or Driver's License) must be presented prior to cheques being issued. If cheques are being collected on behalf of a Shareholder, the authorized individual must present a letter of authorization, accompanied by a valid ID.

For queries, please contact us at telephone number 223-8112 or via email at accounts@livedigi.com.

# General Debate of the 80th Session of the United Nations General Assembly

## Statement by

# Honourable John A. Briceño

## Prime Minister of Belize

### UN HQ, New York, 26th September 2025

Thank you, **Madame President.**

For eight decades … the United Nations has endured. A beacon of hope for the world. A defender of dignity and freedom. A shield against aggression—whether for the mighty, or the small. And a foundation for cooperation that has lifted millions out of poverty and given humanity a chance to move forward, together.

Yet, the vision penned 80 years ago remains unfulfilled. Peoples and nations continue to suffer under oppressive regimes. We face new, threats from criminal networks to planetary and technological challenges that overwhelm natural systems, economies, and even basic human rights. These are global challenges. They don't stop at borders. And no matter how powerful a nation may be, none of us can meet them alone. Now, more than ever, we need to work together. Now, more than ever, we need the United Nations.

And if the UN has fallen short of its promise, it's not because the idea is flawed, it's because too often, its members—including the most powerful among us—have failed to act. And we see the cost of that failure today. The world is facing more conflicts than at any time in recent decades. This year alone, six nuclear powers have been drawn into conflict –in Asia, in Europe, and in the Middle East. Military spending rose by 9 percent to $2.7 trillion last year even as global insecurity deepened. That is more than half the GDP of all the countries of Latin America and the Caribbean. Wars in Ukraine, Gaza, and Sudan, dragging on year after year. Hundreds of thousands dead. Millions displaced, orphaned, left with nothing. The images should compel us to act.

And yet too often the UN is actively blocked from doing its job. In Gaza, one of the largest man-made humanitarian crises grows worse day by day. The UN's relief agency—lifeline to millions—is being pushed to the brink. And the two-state solution—the vision of peace this body has long supported— is slipping away. In Sudan, a UN embargo has not stopped the killing. In Haiti, gangs have overrun the country. Political turmoil deepens. And a mission meant to restore order—Kenyan-led, backed by the UN--remains underfunded, and under-resourced. These are only a few of many crises. And in each of them, weapons flow. Drugs flow. Violence crosses borders. And governments are left weaker, peace fleeting. These are not isolated tragedies. They are a warning. They reveal a pattern of international indifference, disregard for international law, impunity, a tolerance of inhumanity and deepening cynicism.

So the question before us is simple: do we allow this cycle to continue, or will we summon the will—together—to break it?

Over the last two weeks, my country, has chosen to act with restraint and caution, in the face of repeated aggressive and provocative actions by our neighbour Guatemala at our southern boundary. Actions which seek to challenge Belize's sovereignty and territorial integrity. Actions that do not accord with the obligations of states not to exacerbate or extend a dispute before the International Court of Justice.

Latin America and the Caribbean are committed to maintaining our region as a zone of peace – an area free of nuclear weapons, an area where conflicts are prevented through dialogue.

It is for this reason that we are concerned about the serious implications of utilising military tactics against civilian vessels in the Caribbean Sea.

**Madame President,**

For forty-four years of independence, Belize has been a peaceful and welcoming nation. We have been a refuge—for those fleeing war and terror from countries near and far. Per capita, we have absorbed more immigrants than any other country in our region. These new Belizeans have enriched our society and enjoy equal protection under the law. Every Belizean also benefits from free primary education and accessible free or low-cost healthcare. Through *Plan Belize 2.0*, we are building on that foundation by expanding tuition coverage, improving healthcare, raising the minimum wage, creating more decent jobs and widening access to housing. We have an ambitious energy transition plan that places Belize on track to surpass net zero through innovative financing that turns our forests and reefs into investments for conservation. But ambition comes at a cost. My government has chosen fiscal discipline even as we pursue this bold agenda.

Belize is the fifth most vulnerable Small Island Developing State to climate risk, ranked second in the world for impacts from extreme weather. Rising seas are already displacing some coastal communities, extreme heat strains our energy systems, and unpredictable rainfall threatens our farmers. Fishers must now travel farther and risk more for declining catches in warming seas. Food security is under threat. So too are the health of our people, their livelihoods, and the survival of our ecosystems. This is our lived reality—it is not science fiction, it is not abstract theory, it is a danger to our overall security.

**Madame President,**

Our world is so intricately interconnected; disruption anywhere reverberates everywhere. Geopolitical and geoeconomic competition are consequential globally. So too is the persistence of disease, hunger, poverty and the inequalities amongst peoples and nations. Small states like my own then, must vigilantly guard against restive neighbours seeking to sustain territorial claims through military provocation or aggression.

This is not the world that the founders of the UN envisioned. Instead, it is a world embattled. A world divided. And yet, it is not a world without solutions. Over 80 years, nations have agreed on laws and policies to defend human rights, pursue sustainable development, promote disarmament, and protect the vulnerable and our environment. We have built strong institutions that remain vital, even if reform is overdue. But we cannot face today's challenges by relying on legacy alone. In the pursuit of larger freedom and dignity for all, let us act with urgency to rescue the development agenda, leaving no one behind.

For our part, Belize will spare no effort. Through Plan Belize 2.0 and the implementation of our NDCs 3.0, we are working to lift our people out of poverty and to secure a healthy environment. But we cannot do it alone. We need international support that has been promised. The Compromiso de Sevilla offers us a chance to re-energize the 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development, a chance to renew commitments especially to Small Island Developing States.

This is why Belize calls for the urgent attention to the Antigua and Barbuda Agenda for SIDS. We must mainstream the multi-dimensional vulnerability index. We must expand access to grants and concessional finance not more debt, and we must strengthen SIDS participation in global financial decision making. At COP30 in Belem, Belize urges the G20—responsible for 80 percent of emissions—to commit to more ambitious emissions reductions targets. Developed nations and development banks must lead the mobilisation of 1.3 trillion dollars in climate finance and prioritize SIDS, whose adaptation and loss-and-damage needs are most urgent. It is high time---past time--for the global financial system to reward environmental stewardship, to recognize the true value of our natural assets for long-term resilience.

Consider this: 30 percent of the world's ocean lie within the jurisdiction of small island developing states, much under some form of protection. These marine environments help regulate the global climate, yet we receive little for our efforts. Only one percent of climate finance flows to SIDS, half of which are loans. Meanwhile the fossil fuel industry, with trillions of dollars in subsidies annually, is not just perverse, it is dangerous.

Let us reverse this by investing more, much more in nature based and nature positive solutions. With only five years remaining to achieve the SDGs, urgency is paramount.

**Madame President,**

Realizing the ambition of leaving no one behind requires the involvement of everyone. Yet, the UN still excludes one critical actor: the people of Taiwan.

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**Statement by**
**Honourable John A. Briceño**
**Prime Minister of Belize**
**UN HQ, New York, 26th September 2025**

Taiwan is a thriving democracy with global leadership in high-tech innovation—semiconductors, AI, biotechnology, renewable energy—all vital to global supply chain security and sustainable development. Taiwan already contributes to the SDGs, assisting partners with advanced technology.

We therefore urge the United Nations to find appropriate ways to recognize Taiwan as an indispensable partner in our shared pursuit of sustainable development.

**Madame President,**

The people of Haiti deserve our urgent and united support to completely expunge the criminal gangs that have attempted to overrun that country and to ensure they are brought to justice.

A workable path forward for Haiti exists but it requires sustained security assistance, resources, and a coherent international response.

We must act now.

**Madame President,**

Each nation must be free to define its own path.

The International Court of Justice has affirmed that self- determination is a peremptory norm. We must end the denial of this right to the people of Western Sahara whose plight the world continues to ignore.

The economic, commercial and financial blockade imposed by the United States of America against Cuba must end and Cuba must immediately be removed from the list of countries that allegedly sponsor terrorism. It is illegal, inhumane, and contrary to the UN Charter.

And the genocide in Palestine must stop now. What hope can a child in Gaza have for tomorrow, when their home is destroyed, their family murdered, their future erased? What hope can there be if their right to self-determination is extinguished?

The UN once confronted apartheid in South Africa—with declarations, sanctions, conventions, and suspension of the regime from this Assembly. We must draw that lesson again. No regime that desecrates the Charter and destroys a people has a place in this Hall. And that is why the rule of law must prevail. No man, no country stands above the law of nations.

Belize took its seat in this Assembly in 1981, less than half a century ago. Our Membership was a milestone for our sovereignty. Global recognition of Belizean sovereignty also meant full recognition of our territory. We stand firm in the conviction that the boundaries of that territory were agreed in 1859, more than a century and a half ago. Our anthem proclaims it: “From the proud Rio Hondo to the old Sarstoon, through coral isle, over blue lagoon.”

Though our territory is contested, we remain firm, not belligerent. Tested, but not subdued. Threatened, but not deterred. Because the rule of law is on our side. Together with Guatemala, we submitted our dispute to the ICJ in 2019. We await the Court’s decision. We trust that justice will prevail.

In the meantime, we reiterate our demand that Guatemala desists from any provocative behaviour which has the potential to affect our otherwise friendly bilateral relations. We reiterate our invitation to Guatemala to work with Belize in designing confidence building measures for the Sarstoon river and maritime spaces.

**Madame President,**

Belize believes in our common humanity and in the existence of the common good. Equity and justice are our guiding principles. As we commemorate the 80th anniversary of this great institution, let us not only reflect on the past but recommit ourselves to its future. Let us affirm—together—that multilateralism is not an option but an obligation. That the rule of law is not an aspiration but a necessity. That the dignity of every human being is not negotiable but inviolate.

Belize pledges to do its part: to stand for law over force, for cooperation over division, for justice over impunity. And we call on every Member State to do the same.

Only then can we make real the promise of the Charter—peace, prosperity, and larger freedom—for all peoples, in every nation, for generations yet to come.

Thank you.

# NOTICE

**GOVERNMENT OF BELIZE TREASURY BILLS**
**ISSUE NUMBER 13/2025**

Tenders are invited for an issue of Government of Belize Treasury Bills. The amount of the issue will be $83,200,000.00.

The Bills will be issued in electronic form only evidenced by an electronic book entry in the Central Securities Depository (CSD) of the Central Bank of Belize in multiples of $200 and will be repayable at par 91 days after issue. They will be issued on Thursday, 2 October 2025 and will be redeemed on Thursday, 1 January 2026.

Each tender must be for $200 or a multiple of $200. Bid yields must be submitted to five decimal places.

Members of the public who wish to participate in the auction must submit their bid to the Central Bank of Belize electronically to **bids@centralbank.org.bz** or at the designated drop off box no later than 12:00 noon on Friday, 26 September 2025.

The auction in the CSD will be opened from 10:00 am to 12:00 pm on Thursday 2 October 2025.

Successful bidders should arrange to settle via the Automated Payment & Securities Settlement System of Belize (APSSS).

**Bank: Central Bank of Belize**
**Account: GLICORP0402627**

**The Government of Belize reserves the right to accept or reject any and/or all tenders in whole or in part.**

**CENTRAL BANK OF BELIZE**

**Notices are placed on Central Bank of Belize Website (www.centralbank.org.bz)**

**12 September 2025**

## REQUEST FOR BIDS

## INSURANCE COVERAGE PLACEMENT FOR THE MOTOR VEHICLE FLEET OF THE GOVERNMENT OF BELIZE (2026-2028)

**Institution:** Ministry of Finance
**Country:** Belize, Central America
**Unit:** Assets and Utilities Management Unit (AUMU)
**Deadline:** **October 17th, 2025; 10:00 a.m. (Local Belize Time)**

The Assets and Utilities Management Unit (AUMU) of the Ministry of Finance (MOF) hereby invite tenders from qualified licensed insurance companies in Belize to provide Insurance Coverage Services for the Government of Belize (GOB) motor vehicle fleet, for the period February 1, 2026 – January 31, 2028.

Interested bidders can access the full version of this notice, the Instructions to Bidder and details on the specification for this tender online at https://procurement.gov.bz/opportunities/ or by scanning the QR code below, and to submit bids in accordance with the instructions provided in the full version.

Assets and Utilities Management Unit
Ministry of Finance
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**National Party Council**
Party Leader Address
**Prime Minister John Briceño**
Orange Walk Town – The Dome

who walk from door to door every campaign, who organize village by village, town by town, city by city, who stood at rallies, march under the sun hot, waving that flag for the PUP. We have to recognize your work today. You are the one. You are the ones that have sacrificed so that this dream might endure, that the work of the PUP can continue. This is your anniversary. This is our anniversary. But let us also be clear that 75 years cannot be about looking back.

It has to be about looking ahead. Today, Belize faces new struggles, different in form, but in equal urgency. The world is more interconnected, yet also more unequal. Here at home, our young people confront new challenges and face new uncertainties. Our environment, our rivers, our reef, our forest, they all face threats from climate change and exploitation. A fragile economy, while moving along, is always at the mercy of forces outside of Belize, outside of our control.

If we are not strong together, that complacency can erode all that we have achieved. In this era, the People's United Party must remain what it has always been, the voice of the people, the defender of justice, and the builder of national unity. We must continue to be the party that listens to the farmer from the north and the west, the fisherfolk from Dangriga and Punta Gorda, the teacher from San Ignacio, the nurse from Corozal, the youth in Belize City, the tour guide in Caye Caulker and San Pedro, the pastors who pray for us, and the police officers who protect us. And yes, the migrants who dream of opportunity in our country.

75 years has taught us that progress is never handed down. It is always earned through struggle, through organization, through solidarity. All of us here today must understand that our job is far from done. Our role remains vital. We are the torchbearers of our history and the architects of our future.

You must be the bridge between our proud legacy and the generations yet to come. Our work as a PUP continues our role like our past leaders remains. First and foremost, we must always protect our democracy.

We must always invest in our people, in education, in health, in jobs and innovation. We must protect and defend our environment, ensuring that Belize remains a land of beauty and abundance for generations. And we must build upon our party unity because when the PUP is united, there is no force in this nation that can ever bring us down.

Ladies and gentlemen, it is important to recognize the work of our party, the work of George Price and Lyndon Rodgers and of all our fathers and grandfathers and grandmothers who have worked for this party. But it is important for this party to keep working for the poor, for those in need, for the farmers, for everyone in this country. We must continue to create opportunities for everyone and we must continue to serve the people as George Price has taught us.

Long live the People's United Party! Long live the PUP! Long live the PUP! So, 75 years, ladies and gentlemen, we are celebrating today, but we must recognize that in the future there is much more to do. George Price always told us that the work of creating a nation never ends, that we must always continue to work and create opportunities for our people. So, going forward, ladies and gentlemen, I want to assure you, as the leader of this party, and I want to assure you and thank you for the honor you have given me to be the leader of this party, that we will continue the work of George Price, the work of our ancestors, like Belize Carballo, who has just passed away.

With so many people throughout this country, we will continue their work, continue to work, creating opportunities for all the Belizeans in this country. And I also want to assure you that we have to recognize the work you have done and that when we are creating opportunities, we have to make sure that our supporters can get their land, that they can get their scholarships, that they can get a job, so that you can continue this work together to win election after election after election.

Long live the United People's Party! Long live the PUP!

My friends, 75 years ago, George Price and our founders believed that a small, determined people could achieve the impossible. And they were right. Today, we stand proof of their vision. And now it is our turn to prove ourselves worthy of their sacrifice by leading Belize into a brighter, fairer, and stronger future. So on this anniversary, let us celebrate. Vamos a celebrar. But more than ever, let us recommit for the People's United Party is not just 75 years old. It is 75 years strong. And it gets stronger every single day, as long as we remain united.

So long live the People's United Party!

¡Que viva el PUP!! Long live Belize!! ¡Que viva Belize!!

¡Que viva el PUP!!

¡Muchas gracias! Y que Dios les bendiga.

Thank you so much.

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## Exhibition 75Years of Service

reminded us that the Party's legacy is not only about famous leaders but also about "*the community leaders, the activists, the men and women who carried the message all across the land*."

Calling directly to the youth in attendance, he noted: "*This Party is not just a political organization; it is an incubator of dreams, a training ground for the next generation, a family where fresh voices are celebrated."*

Miller also congratulated Prime Minister Briceño on his "*strong, principled*" address at the United Nations General Assembly, calling it a proud moment for Belize.

**Honoring the Past, Serving the Present, Recommitting to the Future**

Chairman Henry Charles Usher reflected on the guiding principles that have defined the PUP for 75 years.

"*Seventy-five years of championing the cause of social, environmental, and economic justice—those are the principles found in our Constitution*."

Urging all members, especially the youth, to read and understand the Party's Constitution. He called on Belizeans to do three things: honor the past, support the present, and recommit to the future. He described the government's current work as "*extraordinary*" and "a revolution in itself."

**A Party Rooted in Service**

Closing the evening, Prime Minister and Party Leader Hon. John Briceño emphasized that service remains the Party's heartbeat.

"*Being around young people is what energizes me, and being around the Party energizes me*," he said.

Reflecting on George Price's legacy, he reminded Belizeans that when right and the people are on your side, "*wrong can never defeat you*."

Briceño also urged attendees to find ways to give back, stating, "*There are so many different ways you can serve—whether by joining organizations, helping families in need, or fundraising. All of this is service, and that is what the PUP is all about*."

**Looking Forward with Pride**

As the PUP@75 Exhibit was unveiled, it was clear that the Party's story is not only about its past struggles for independence and democracy but also about its ongoing commitment to justice, equality, and opportunity. The event highlighted how the PUP continues to be a force for progress, carrying forward the vision of leaders like George Price while opening doors for the next generation.

Seventy-five years later, the Party's theme— "*Serving the People, Continuing the Revolution*"—remains alive and relevant. For supporters and future leaders alike, the exhibit is both a history lesson and a call to action.

As Deputy Mayor Miller reminded us, "*The PUP is not just 75 years of history. It is 75 years of service of revolution, and of Belizean pride that will carry us boldly into the future*."

Prime Minister Hon. John Briceño, "*What is important is that you always feel that you need to find a way where you can serve*."

The PUP@75 Exhibit will tour the entire country, heading to Corozal next.

## Special Envoy for the Development of Families and Children At Joint High-Level Side Event 80th Anniversary of the United Nations

On September 24th, 2025, Her Excellency Rossana Briceño had the honor of participating in the Joint High-Level Side Event at the United Nations Headquarters in New York, marking the 80th Anniversary of the UN.

HE Briceño: *"It was a privilege to join fellow First Ladies, Gentlemen, and distinguished leaders in highlighting how humanitarian leadership and the power of compassion can transcend borders and drive transformative change.*

*I shared Belize's experiences in advancing cancer care and education equity, two flagship initiatives that reflect how soft power, when grounded in empathy and collaboration, can deliver tangible results for vulnerable families and children. From strengthening cancer advocacy and access to treatment, to ensuring that every child, regardless of circumstance, has the opportunity to learn and thrive, these efforts remind us that our influence is not ceremonial, but catalytic.*

*Together, we reaffirmed that when we unite compassion with action, and local solutions with global solidarity, humanitarian leadership becomes a powerful instrument for advancing peace, prosperity, and human dignity for all."* #UNGA80

# REQUEST FOR BIDS

**Country:** Belize

**Name of Project:** Belize Blue Cities and Beyond Project (P181064)

**Contract Title:** Works Contract for Water Network Expansion for South San Pedro

**Loan Credit No.:** IDA-76910

**RFB Reference No.:** BZ-BWS-461698-CW-RFB

1. The *Belize Water Services Limited* has received financing from the World Bank toward the cost of the *Belize Blue Cities and Beyond Project (P181064)* and intends to apply part of the proceeds toward payments under the contract for *Works Contract for Water Network Expansion for South San Pedro*.

   The *Belize Water Services Limited* now invites sealed Bids from eligible Bidders for *Works Contract for Water Network Expansion for South San Pedro. Location of works is San Pedro, Ambergris Caye. The scope of works to be implemented includes about 3.484 km of 8-inch distribution water main, 0.64 km of 6-inch distribution water main, and 3.74km of 4-inch distribution water main. The duration is approximately 12 months. Estimated value of works is $2,000,000.00 Belize Dollars.*

2. Bidding will be conducted through national competitive procurement using a Request for Bids (RFB) as specified in the World Bank's "Procurement Regulations for IPF Borrowers" *Seventh Edition dated September 2025* ("Procurement Regulations") and is open to all Bidders as defined in the Procurement Regulations.

3. Interested eligible Bidders may obtain further information from *Ms. Stephanie Lozano, Procurement Specialist, Belize Water Services Limited,* and inspect the bidding document during office hours *8:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m.* at the address given below *7 Central American Boulevard, Belize City* or submit a request for bidding documents to email address, *rce@bwsl.com.bz.*

4. Bids must be delivered to the address below on or before *October 31st, 2025, at 2:00 p.m.* Electronic Bidding will *not* be permitted. Late Bids will be rejected. Bids will be publicly opened in the presence of the Bidders, designated representatives and anyone who chooses to attend at the address, *7 Central American Boulevard, Belize City* on *October 31st, 2025, at 2:15 p.m.*

5. All Bids must be accompanied by a *"Bid Security"* of *3% of bid amount in Belize Dollars.*

6. Attention is drawn to the Procurement Regulations requiring the Borrower to disclose information on the successful bidder's beneficial ownership, as part of the Contract Award Notice, using the Beneficial Ownership Disclosure Form as included in the bidding document.

7. The address referred to above is:

*Ms. Stephanie Lozano*
*Procurement Specialist*
*Belize Water Services Limited*
*7 Central American Boulevard, Belize City, Belize*
*Telephone: +501-222-4757*
*Email: rce@bwsl.com.bz*

## Ministry of the Public Service

# Honours to

### BDF and Police Officers

### Contributions to National Service Day Ceremony

On Friday, September 26, 2025, the Ministry of the Public Service, Governance, and Disaster Risk Management recognized fifty-one members of the Belize Defence Force (BDF) and the Belize Police Department for their outstanding service and contributions to the annual Wreath Laying Ceremony held in honour of National Service Day, September 19.

The ceremony, which commemorates the life and legacy of the Father of the Nation, the Right Honourable George Cadle Price, is a cornerstone of the September Celebrations. It reflects the values of patriotism, unity, and community service that Mr. Price embodied and instilled in generations of Belizeans.

In recognition of their role in ensuring the successful execution of the event, the brave men and women were presented with awards

and later hosted at a luncheon at the Price Barracks Family Association Building. The luncheon was made even more meaningful as the awardees were personally served by Hon. Henry Charles Usher, Minister of the Public Service, Governance, and Disaster Risk Management, together with Hon. Oscar Mira, Minister of National Security and Border Defence.

This initiative was the vision of Minister Usher, who deemed it important to formally thank the security forces for their commitment and involvement in various aspects of the ceremony, including the participation of the BDF's band. Several of the awardees recently completed the BDF's Senior Non-Commissioned Officers (NCO) Drill Course, while others have been faithfully supporting the National Service Day activities for over a decade, a testament to their enduring discipline, loyalty, and devotion to country.

During his remarks, Minister Usher commended the awardees for their professionalism and national pride. He underscored the Ministry's appreciation for their unwavering support during the September Celebrations and reminded them of the teachings of the Right Honourable George Cadle Price, whose example of humility, service, and devotion to country continues to inspire Belizeans today.

Also in attendance were Mr. Rolando Zetina, Chief Executive Officer in the Ministry of the Public Service, Governance, and Disaster Risk Management; Brigadier General Azariel Loria, Commander of the Belize Defence Force; Lieutenant Colonel Brandon Garcia, Acting Deputy Commander of the Belize Defence Force; and Major Ivan Locario, Force Adjutant.

The Ministry of the Public Service, Governance, and Disaster Risk Management reaffirms its commitment to recognizing and celebrating the contributions of Belize's public officers, servicemen and women. Their dedication not only ensures the success of national events but also strengthens the spirit of service and solidarity across the nation. (release)

This special thank you is extended to the thousands across the country that came out to emulate the Serve the People mantra of George Price and his offspring the People's United Party. This day is now Belizean to the core and credit goes out to the people who have taken it and made it even more meaningful.

## *PUP @ 75*

# Blue and White Concert

## Youth Celebration

The Banquitas House of Culture in Orange Walk came alive this past weekend as the Blue and White Day Party brought together young people from across the country for an evening of music, culture, and unity. The event was held alongside the PUP@75 Exhibit, celebrating the People's United Party's 75th anniversary with a focus on youth engagement and community spirit.

The party featured a stellar lineup of DJs who kept the energy high from start to finish. International guest DJ Elementz from Antigua was a highlight of the night, blending Caribbean rhythms with Belizean vibes. Belize's own DJ Debbie, Fyah Statah, and more also delivered electrifying sets that had the crowd moving nonstop. With mixes ranging from dancehall to SOCA and Afrobeat, the event was a showcase of regional sound and youthful energy.

What made the night even more special was the crowd itself. Youth from across Belize traveled to Orange Walk to be part of the celebration, turning the Banquitas House of Culture into a hub of togetherness and excitement. For many, it wasn't just about the music—it was about being part of something bigger: a recognition of history paired with a vision for the future.

The Blue and White Day Party proved to be more than just entertainment. It was a space where culture met community, and where Belizean youth could proudly celebrate their identity while enjoying world-class music. It reminded everyone that the future of Belize is vibrant, united, and full of promise.

AS part of the celebrations some youth were awarded for their collaboration and service on behalf of the Party. They are from various constituencies. These are Giamil Meriel Garcia, Luis Aguilar Jr., Gianna Canul, Malik Leslie, Brittney Galvez, Kelsie Moss, Joselin Cornelio, Patrick Castillo, Zahir Figueroa, Adrian Palma, Kelsie Castellanos, Alain Ernesto Rasth, Maclovio Ack,


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# Caribbean Week of Agriculture 2025

## Importance of Youth Engagement

*"Adapting Today, Sustaining Tomorrow: Resilient Roots, Greener Future"*

Caribbean Week of Agriculture is taking place in Basseterre and Nevis at St. Kitts. MAFSE Extension Officer Abimael Puck is representing Belize as the Caricom Youth in Agriculture representative, participating in the youth forum panel discussion with other youth representatives from all over the Caribbean. The youth forum aims to discuss the transformation of the Caribbean food systems by promoting innovation, dialogue, climate-smart agriculture, and youth engagement.

**Key Highlights of CWA 2025:**

• Theme: "Sowing Change, Harvesting Resilience: Transforming Our Caribbean Food Systems for 2025 and Beyond".

• Youth Forum: CWA 2025 provides a platform for young people to engage in policy dialogue, share innovative ideas, and participate in shaping the region's agricultural future.

• Objective: To reduce regional food imports by 25% by 2025, promote sustainable agriculture practices, and enhance youth involvement in the sector.

**Youth Initiatives:**

• The CARICOM Youth Advisory Body (YAB) promotes youth engagement in agriculture and provides recommendations to the Special Ministerial Taskforce on Food Production and Food Security.

Importance of Youth Engagement:

• Addressing the aging farmer population and promoting intergenerational transfer of knowledge and skills.

• Harnessing the energy, creativity, and innovation of young people to drive agricultural development and food security.

• Providing opportunities for youth to contribute to policy dialogue and decision-making processes in agriculture.(post)

## Constant Beautification of Corozal Town

The Maya Jade Head shines brighter than ever!

Hon. Thea and team are excited to share the upgrades at the Jade Head Roundabout, now it is glowing with 4 solar-powered LED lights and two new streetlights to complete lighting on all poles.

A huge thank you to BEL for the installation and to MyLights for their kind donation that made this possible.

Corozal Bay, what do you think of the new look?

**Find the post on Drop a LIKE or Comment if you love it, and tell us what color you'd like to see the Jade Head glow next!** (post)

Those from around the country can enjoy the view as you return from Chetumal and ignore the Bypass. Come into Corozal and enjoy her beauty and spend there….spending time is nice but spend money, it helps their economy.

### Belize National Prayer

Almighty and Eternal God, who through Jesus Christ has revealed Your Glory to all nations, please protect and preserve Belize, our beloved country.

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God of might, wisdom and justice, please assist our Belizean government and people with your Holy Spirit of counsel and fortitude.

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Let Your light of Your divine wisdom direct their plans and endeavours so that with Your help we may attain our just objectives.

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With Your guidance, may all our endeavours tend to peace, social justice, liberty, national happiness, the increase of industry, sobriety and useful knowledge.

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We pray, O God of Mercy, for all of us that we may be blessed in the knowledge and sanctified in the

observance of Your most holy law, that we may be preserved in union and, in that peace which the world itself cannot give.

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And, after enjoying the blessings of this life, please admit us, dear Lord, to that eternal reward that You have prepared for those who love You.

Amen.


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COUNTRYWIDE PUBLIC AUCTION SALES: PROPERTY

*2.823 Acres Vacant SeaFront Land, Caye Caulker, Belize District.*

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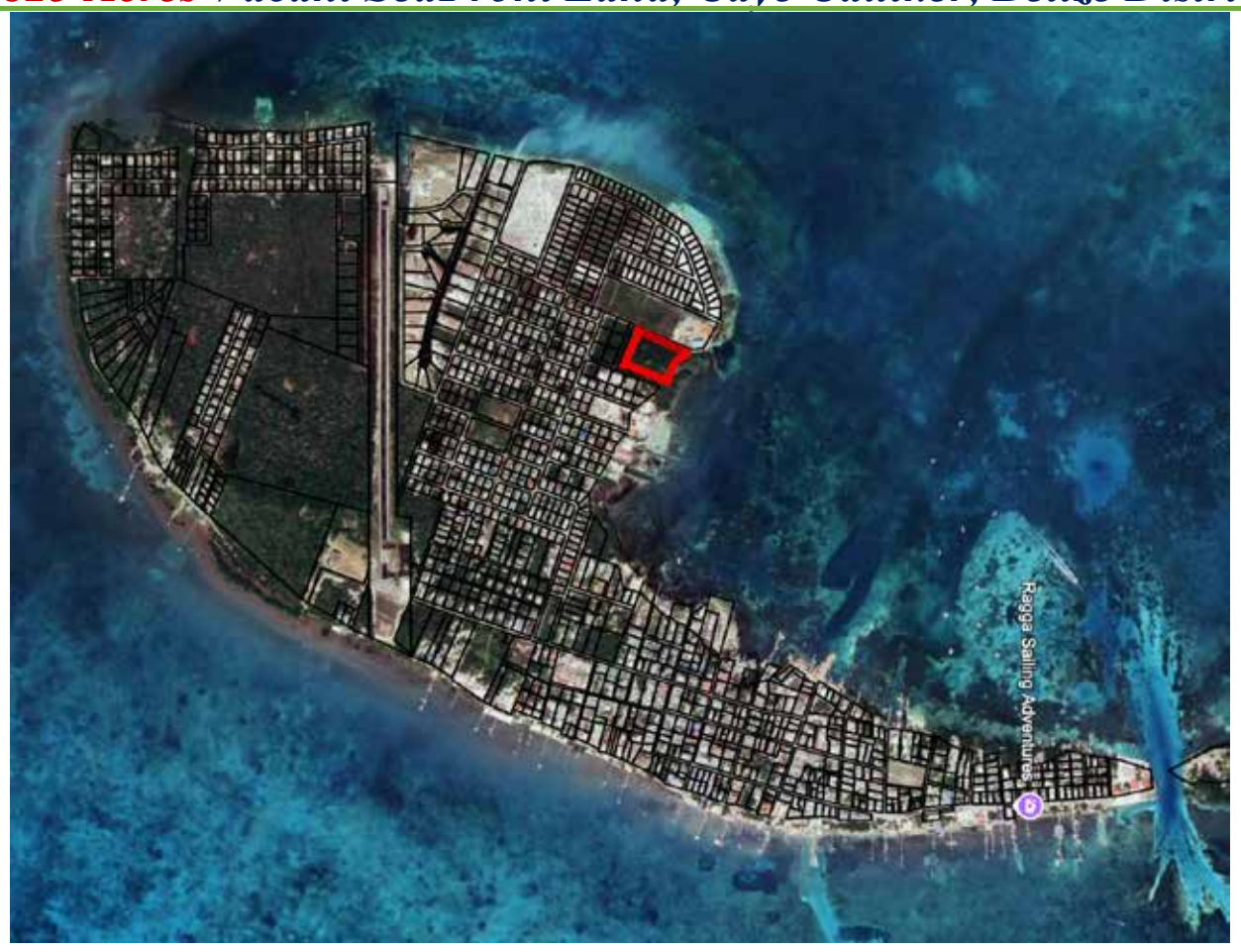


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|---|---|---|
| Caye Caulker | 12 | 238 |
| The Freehold property of Messrs. Caye Caulker Water Taxi Association. | | |

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# PUBLIC AUCTION SALES: PROPERTIES

*Corozal North, Corozal District; Trial Farm Village, Orange Walk Town, Orange Walk District; Lord's Bank, Sandhill, San Pedro, Belize District; Belmopan City, Cristo Reyo, Cayo District; Sarawee Village, Stann Creek District; BoomCreek Road, San Pedro Columbia, Toledo District.*

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**A: COROZAL DISTRICT:**

**1. Parcel No. 1086 Corozal North, Corozal District:**

| REGISTRATION SECTION | BLOCK | PARCEL |
|---|---|---|
| Corozal North | 1 | 1086 |
| The freehold property of Mr. Darwin Donavan Williams | | |

**2. Parcel No. 3015 Corozal North, Corozal District:**

| REGISTRATION SECTION | BLOCK | PARCEL |
|---|---|---|
| Corozal North | 1 | 3015 |
| The freehold property of Mr. George Levy and Ms. Lilia Chun. | | |

**B: ORANGE WALK DISTRICT:**

**1. Parcel No.1639 Trail Farm Village, Orange Walk District:**

| REGISTRATION SECTION | BLOCK | PARCEL |
|---|---|---|
| Ann Gabourel | 4 | 1639 |
| The freehold property of Ms. Dayana de Paz & Mr. Luisito Cunil. | | |

**2. Parcel No. 594 Otro Benque Street, Orange Walk Town, Orange Walk District:**

| REGISTRATION SECTION | BLOCK | PARCEL |
|---|---|---|
| Orange Walk | 4 | 594 |
| The freehold property of Mr. Octavio Edilberto Mesh | | |

**C: BELIZE DISTRICT:**

**1. Parcel No. 5448 San Pedro Town, Ambergris Caye Belize District:**

| REGISTRATION SECTION | BLOCK | PARCEL |
|---|---|---|
| San Pedro | 7 | 5448 |
| The freehold property of Ms. Helen Maritza Melendez and Mr. Elvis Presley Lambey | | |

**2. 0.95 Acres Sandhill Village, near Mile 16 ½ Philip Goldson Highway, Belize District:**

All that piece or parcel of land being Lot No. 2, situate along the Philip Goldson Highway Near Mile 16.5 Sandhill Village, Belize District, containing 0.95 acres of land held under a Deed of Conveyance being the freehold property of Mr. Rafael Yamany Gongora & Ms. Sonia Jex.

**3. Parcel No. 3466 Lord's Bank Village, Belize District:**

| REGISTRATION SECTION | BLOCK | PARCEL |
|---|---|---|
| Lord's Bank | 16 | 3466 |
| The freehold property of Mr. Glenford Alvin Williams. | | |

**D: CAYO DISTRICT:**

**1. Parcel No. 1634 Flowers Street, Belmopan, Cayo District:**

| REGISTRATION SECTION | BLOCK | PARCEL |
|---|---|---|
| Belmopan | 20 | 1634 |
| The freehold property of Mr. Melvin Andrew Gillett. | | |

**2. Parcel No. 51 Cristo Rey Village, Cayo District:**

All that lot piece or parcel of land being Block No. 51, situate near Cristo Rey Village Area, Cayo District, containing 30.00 acres of land freehold property of Mr.Jaime Noel Marin and Ms. Nefretery Nancy Marin

**E: STANN CREEK DISTRICT:**

**1. 404.550 S.M being Lot No. 165 & 166 in Sarawee Village Stann Creek District:**

All that piece or parcel of land being Lot. 165 situate in Sarawee Village, Stann Creek District, the freehold propertyof Ms. Marion Margaret Lamb surety for Mr. Norlan Absolon Lamb.

All that piece or parcel of land being Lot. 166 situate in Sarawee Village, Stann Creek District, the freehold property of Ms. Marion Margaret Lamb surety for Mr. Norlan Absolon Lamb.

**E: TOLEDO DISTRICT:**

**1. 310.34 Acres along the North Side of Boom Creek Road, Toledo District:**

All that piece or parcel of land containing 310.34 Acres in Boom Creek Rd, Toledo District, the freehold property of Mr. Santos Aparicio Alegria surety for Mr. Santos Aparicio Alegria & Ms. Yencer Dany Alegria.

**2. 1665.280 S.M being Lot No. 12 in San Pedro Columbia Village, Toledo District:**

All that piece or parcel of land being Lot. 12 situate in San Pedro Columbia Village, Toledo District, held under a Deed of Conveyance being the freehold property of Ms. Silvina Kib and Mr. Robert Chavarria.

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**Vanessa Webster**
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**Amalia Castillo**
*Fort George*

**Barbara Latchman**
*Queen Square*

**Anthony Westby Sr.**
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**Leopoldo Arceo**
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**Noellee Swift**
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**Linda Usher**
*Freetown*

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**Ava Tillett**
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**Lawrence Ciego**
*Lake Independence*

**Julian Brown**
*Corozal Bay*

**Maria Soto (Posthumous)**
*Orange Walk East*

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*Orange Walk South*

**Lysandra Berbey**
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**Not pictured is Jobita Briceño**

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# Gwendolyn Lizarraga Award

*National Party Council - Sept 28, 2025*

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Lita Hunter Krohn

Dorla Bowman

Juliet Soberanis

Dr. Lesbia Guerra

Carolyn Trench Sandiford

**Pictured Receiving the award may not be the awardee**
**Also receiving the Gwendolyn Lizarraga award was Kaya Cattouse, Dr. Lorna Mckay, Yasmin Shoman, and Dr. Candice Pitts.**

# Punta Gorda Town Council Appreciative with BEL

The Punta Gorda Town Council would like to extend a huge thank you to the employees of Belize Electricity Limited (BEL) for their community beautification initiative that was done at the Hopeville Park in Punta Gorda Town, as a part of their National Service Day projects. BEL's Environmental and Community Contributions Program helps to create a greener, cleaner, and more welcoming space for families and residents to enjoy.

As a part of the many National Service Day activities happening countrywide, the PGTC also planted trees at the various parks and public areas in town. Each municipality received 44 trees on behalf of the Forest Department, Ministry of Sustainable Development, Climate Change and Solid Waste Management, that were presented to the councils in celebration of Belize's 44th Independence Anniversary. (post)

## NOTICE OF VOLUNTARY DISSOLUTION

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## PUBLIC AUCTION SALES: PROPERTIES & VEHICLE

*Corozal North, Corozal; Belize City, Mile 8 (Western Highway) Belize; Loma Luz Boulevard, Santa Elena, Cayo District.*

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**1. Parcel No. 4013 Corozal Town, Corozal District:**

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|---|---|---|
| Corozal North | 1 | 4013 |
| The freehold property of Mr. Leroy Westby. | | |

**2. Parcel No. 972 Caribbean Shores, Belize City, Belize District:**

| REGISTRATION SECTION | BLOCK | PARCEL |
|---|---|---|
| Caribbean Shores | 16 | 972 |
| The freehold property of Mr. Edmond Chee surety for The Pew Pew Store - Guns & Ammo Co. Ltd. | | |

**3. 680.755 S.M Western ParadiseVillage, Southside George Price Highway , near Mile 8, Belize District:**

All that piece or parcel of land being Lot. 195 situate in southside of the George Price Highway near Mile 8, Belize District, the freehold property of Churong Zhang & Yanfen Zhang F/O Jacky's Mile Eight Fast Food & Supermarket.

**4. Parcels No. 1173 & 1174 Loma Luz Boulevard, Santa Elena, Cayo District:**

| REGISTRATION SECTION | BLOCK | PARCEL |
|---|---|---|
| Santa Elena/Cayo | 23 | 1173 & 1174 |
| The freehold properties of Mr. Gianni Jerald Castillo & Ms. Ronda Mae Castillo. | | |

**5. Vehicle:**

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# *CONGRATULATIONS*

# Benque Viejo Marching Band of Belize

## Overall Champion in International Championship

The Latin American Marching Band Championship was held from Friday, September 26th to Sunday, September 28th, organized by the International Organization of Bands (IOB)

Although there are 18 categories in which participants excel, recognition is given to an overall champion. This year, the Benque Viejo Marching Band of Belize established itself as the Latin American champion. It was the first time it participated in this championship, and its delegation, with more than 40 members, surprised everyone in the competition.

The group earned seven awards: best marching band, first place in percussion line, second place in wind battle, second place in visual show battle, first place in the Marching Band A category, best musical effect, and the coveted title of champion of champions.

The band was welcomed back to Belize with a parade through the streets of Benque Viejo del Carmen on the morning of Monday, September 29th.

This isn't the first time the band has made its mark in Guatemala. In 2014, it participated in an international championship held here. It has also had notable performances in Flores, Petén, at venues such as Metroplaza Mundo Maya.

**Three Days of Championship**

On Friday the 26th, the championship began with a parade featuring nearly 18 bands that impressed on Paseo de la Sexta, where Mexico and Belize were the international guest delegations that day, and other countries gradually joined in. The parade, from 15th Street to the Central Plaza, was full of color and featured students from seven years old to teenagers and adults who brought the different performances to life.

Upon arriving at the plaza, the bands had new opportunities to showcase their talent to those who came to listen. There, Benque Viejo drew attention with his performance of "De qué sirve querer" by Malacates Trébol Shop, which was met with applause from the audience.

The tournament continued on Saturday the 27th at the Brío Stadium, in Zone 6, and on Sunday the 28th at the Juan Carlos Plata Stadium. "Over these three days of competition, nearly 2,800 young people and children participated in the event, with a total of 58 participating bands from four countries. Great expectations were generated, not only in Guatemala but throughout Latin America," Osoy said.

"The event had very enjoyable moments, with healthy competition, and the fact that borders were broken through music was very important," he added.

Benque Viejo, from Belize, was crowned the top winner of the 2025 Latin American Marching Band Championship.

Main categories of the 2025 Latin American Marching Band Championship

The championship is unique in highlighting soloists and various categories. We share the winners from the main categories. (translation from Prensa story on prensalibre.com)

Champion of Champions

• Benque Viejo Marching Band, from Belize

Won in the parade, percussion battles, and Marching Band A division.


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**PUBLIC AUCTION SALES: VEHICLES & PROPERTIES**

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|---|---|---|
| Warree Bight/Freshwater Creek | 3 | 368 |
| The Freehold property of Mr. Rene Tun. | | |

2. **Parcel No. 523 San Estevan Village, Orange Walk District:**

| Registration Section | Block | Parcel |
|---|---|---|
| San Estevan | 1 | 523 |
| The Freehold property of Ms. Sue Ann Palomo. | | |

3. **Parcel No. 32/1 Chan Pine Ridge, Orange Walk District:**

| Registration Section | Block | Parcel |
|---|---|---|
| Chan Pine Ridge | 4 | 32/1 |
| The Leasehold property of Mr. German Tzul. | | |

4. **Lot No. 92 Windmill Area, Hattieville, Belize District:**

ALL THAT piece or parcel of land being Lot 92 situate in Hattieville, Belize District, the leasehold property of Ms. Keisha Betran and Mr. Livingston Terry.

5. **Parcel No. 1500 San Pedro, Ambergris Caye, Belize District:**

| Registration Section | Block | Parcel |
|---|---|---|
| San Pedro | 7 | 1500 |
| The Freehold property of Ms. Kristy Pisarczyk. | | |

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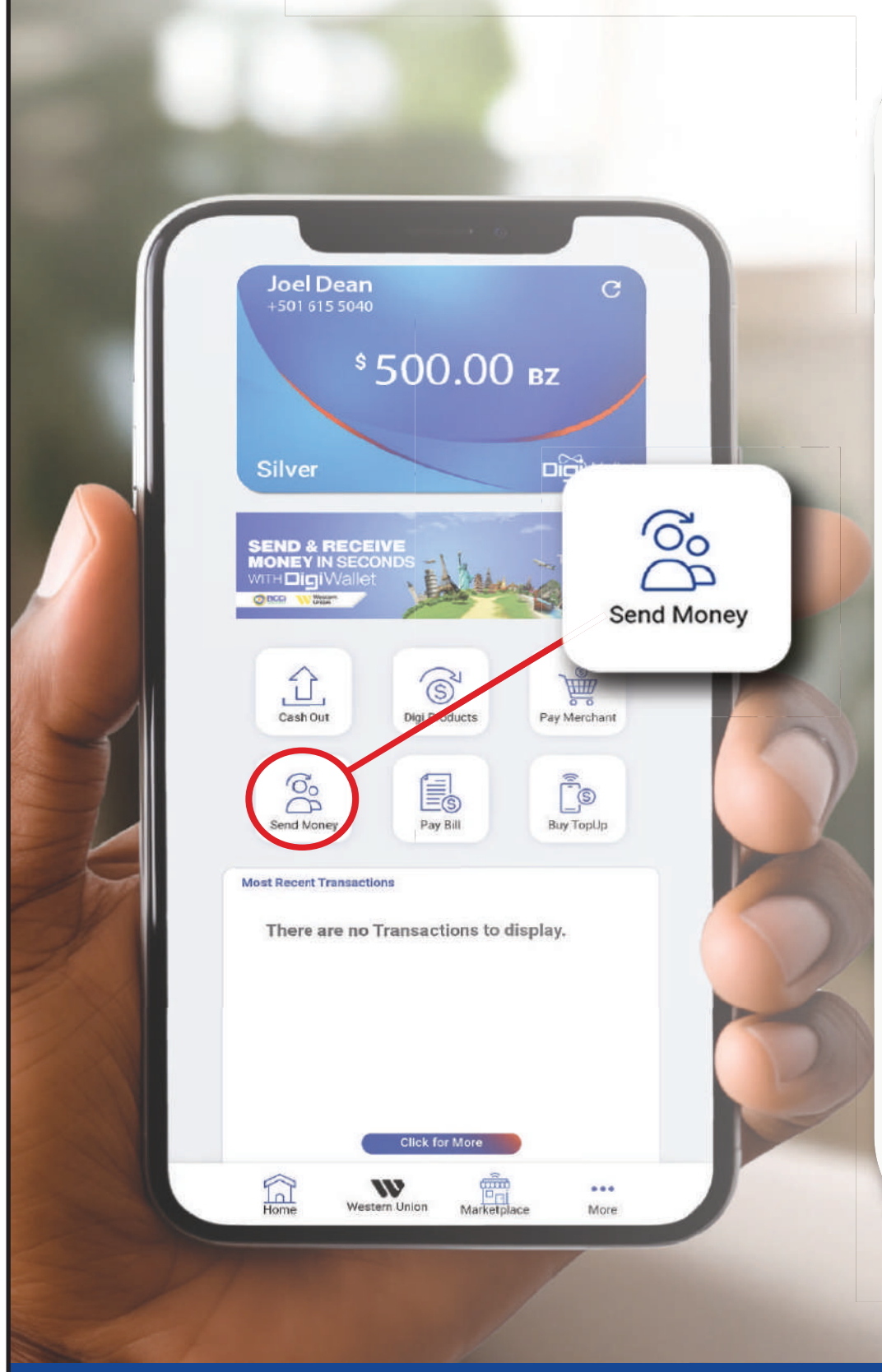


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# BELIZE STOOD TALL ON THE WORLD STAGE:

## *A Master Class of Diplomacy*

**By Hilly Bennett**

***"Eighty years ago, from the ashes of war, the world planted a seed of hope. One Charter, one vision, one promise: that peace is possible when humanity stands together."*-Antonio Guterres, 26 June 2025**

The 80th session of the United Nations General Assembly (UNGA) was held in New York, under the theme, **"Better together: 80 years and more for peace, development and human rights."** It is recognized by the United Nations overview that this session comes at a pivotal moment to renew and assert global commitment to multilateralism, solidarity and shared action for people and planet. Belize became the 156th member of the United Nations on September 25, 1981, shortly after gaining its independence on September 21, 1981, and its admission was one of the first agenda items for the General Assembly at the 1981 session.

The world became the stage for Prime Minister of Belize, John Briceño, as he delivered a stellar representation for the country and its people, acknowledging the United Nations' 80-year legacy, as a beacon of hope, defender of dignity and freedom, a shield against oppression for the mighty or the small, and a platform for global cooperation. However, PM Briceño brought into sharp focus that despite the foundational vision penned 80 years ago, many goals remain unfulfilled, stemming from ongoing oppression, unresolved conflicts and the evolving global threats—the threat from the criminal networks to a planetary and technological challenge that confronts nations. Briceño told the assembly that "Now more than ever, we need the United Nations" citing that though it may seem that the United Nations has fallen short of its promise, *"it's not because the idea is flawed. Is because too often its members, including the most powerful among us, have failed to act."*

The evidence of war-torn nations was graphically reflected by PM Briceño, conflicts in Asia, Europe and the Middle East. The protracted wars in Ukraine, Gaza and Sudan are the result of hundreds of thousands of lives lost and millions displaced and many innocent children orphaned. The statement reverberated the hallowed walls of the General Assembly with loud applause, *"And the genocide in Palestine must stop now! What hope can a child in Gaza have for tomorrow when their home is destroyed, their family murdered, their future erased?" With peace becoming but a fleeting illusion. John Briceño caustically admonished the world leaders, questioning "Do we allow the cycle to continue or will we summon the will together to break it?"*

Interestingly, addressing the pattern of international indifference, disregard for international law and the tolerance for inhumanity, although noble in the pursuit of peace, the expression of what was happening in Belize's backyard with the Guatemalan aggressive and provocative behavior, challenging its sovereignty and territorial integrity, elicited a sense of awe and pride from the citizenry. The resolute stance that the PM took on the Guatemalan situation on the Sarstoon River turned the cynics into optimists, haters into admirers and respect for the leader of the Jewel.

Understandably, as Foreign Minister, Francis Fonseca noted recently, in regards to diplomacy and Belize's foreign policy this *"Has been an effective first line of defence."* Membership of the United Nations in itself provided an element of deterrence against the total obliteration by a predatory neighbor, and has become the optimal forum for Belize to alert and sensitize the entire International community to the existential threat of Guatemala's unfounded claim. Prudence has prevailed thus far and the Prime Minister of Belize utilized the twenty-minute presentation, speaking 'truth to power' in a statesmanly manner. *"Our membership was a milestone for our sovereignty. Global recognition of Belizean sovereignty meant full recognition of our territory."* Highlighting the boundaries as agreed in the 1859 Treaty from the proud Rio Hondo to the Old Sarstoon. Through Coral Isles over Blue Lagoon. Emphasis was made *"Though our territory is contested, we remain firm, not belligerent, tested but not subdued, threatened but not deterred because the rule of law is on our side." Drawing an immediate response from the Guatemalan delegation. Not often utilized, PM Briceño's critique of the belligerent behavior on the Sarstoon by the Guatemalan Armed Forces, triggered the "Right of Reply"* from Guatemala.

The participation of Belize in the General Debate included the planetary threats as they pertain to climate vulnerability and environmental challenges. PM Briceño called for support for Small Island Developing States (SIDS) and Climate Finance. Although the G20 is responsible for 80% of emissions, only 1% of climate financing flows to SIDS. Also, the UN continues to exclude Taiwan, *"A thriving democracy and global leader in high-tech sectors"* Briceño made a call for Taiwan's inclusion in the UN. And the call for the lifting of the economic, commercial and financial blockade imposed by the United States of America against Cuba. There was also a call from PM Briceño and the other Caribbean diplomats to urgently address the sufferings of the people of Haiti from gang control and political instability.

Challenges and geopolitical wrongdoings were momentarily placed on pause as the Prime Minister, beaming with pride, highlighted to the world the great achievements of the government and the architectural wizardry of PlanBelize and PlanBelize 2.0. *"Every Belizean also benefits from free primary education and accessible free or low-cost healthcare through PlanBelize 2.0. We are building on that foundation by expanding tuition coverage, improving healthcare, raising the minimum wage, creating more decent jobs, and widening access to housing."* The ambitious energy transition plan to surpass net zero through innovative financing, turning the forest and reefs into investments for conservation, a mandate of PlanBelize 2.0 was mentioned.

In his final delivery in the General Debate Prime Minister, John Briceño stated his principled position of Belize as it relates to the United Nations Charter and its Constitution. He said *"As we commemorate the 80th anniversary of this great institution, let us not only reflect on the past, but commit ourselves to the future, let us affirm together that multilateralism is not an option but an obligation. That the rule of law is not an aspiration but a necessity, that dignity of every human being is not negotiable but involves pledges to do its part to stand for law over force for cooperation over division for justice over impunity."* A true representation of the UN Charter.

Belize stood tall on the world stage with a stellar performance by the Prime Minister, John Briceño at the 80th session of UNGA in New York, drawing a buzz of admiration and respect for the leader in chief.


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**BELCAN BRIDGE REPLACEMENT PROJECT( BELIZE CITY)**

**REQUEST FOR BIDS**

The Government of Belize (GOB) has received a grant from the Republic of China (Taiwan) towards the cost of the **Belcan Bridge Replacement Project**, and intends to apply the proceeds to eligible payments under the contract for which this invitation is issued.

The project consists of:

**Lot 2 - Belcan Bridge Replacement**
This includes the replacement of the existing bridge structure. Works will also entail the construction of a temporary pedestrian/bicycle bridge across the Haulover Creek for the duration of the project. Path must be allowed for the navigation of small vessels.

This project is being implemented by the Belize City Council (BCC). An Engineering Coordinator is responsible for the day-to--day management of project activities and, an Engineering Supervision Consultant has been retained by BCC to assist with the supervision of the contract.

Provided all phases of this process proceed without delay, construction is expected to start in the month of January 2026. The BCC hereby invites interested contractors in the civil works sector to be part of this bidding process.

The Scope of Works refers to:

**Lot 2 - Belcan Bridge Replacement**

- Piles Fabrication and Installation
- Girder Fabrication and Installation
- Bridge Construction
- Construction of Approaches
- Demolition of Existing Structure

The requirements will include:

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| a. An average annual turnover of at least United States Dollars (US$) equivalent shown (defined as billing for works in progress and completed) Over the last three years; | USD $ 4.0 m |
| b. Demonstrable capacity to have a cash flow of at least the US$ equivalent shown (including access to credit); and | USD $ 1.0 m |
| c. Participation as contractor in the construction of at least one contract of a similar nature and complexity to the proposed project activity within the last five years with at least the US$ equivalent value shown (successfully and substantially completed). | USD $ 2.5 m |

Effective **Monday, September 29, 2025,** bidding documents will be available at a cost of BZ $2,000.00 from the address below.

All bidding documents properly completed in sealed envelopes should be submitted to the address below no later than **10:00am** on **Friday November 14, 2025**. Electronic bidding will not be permitted. Late bids will be rejected. Bids will be opened publicly in the presence of the bidders on **November 14, 2025 at 10:15am.** The BCC shall not be bound to assign any reason for not post-qualifying any contractor and shall not accept responsibility for any cost incurred by the applicants.

Attention: **City Administrator**
**Belize City Council**
City Hall
#810 Regent Street
Belize City, Belize

Tel: 227-3073
Email: ca@belizecitycouncil.org

LAUNCH

# GOVERNMENT NATIONAL ROADSHOW FOR MSME TAX AMNESTY PROGRAMME

**Belize City, Belize – September 25, 2025** – The Government of Belize, through the Office of the Prime Minister, in partnership with the Belize Trade and Investment Development Service (BELTRAIDE), the Investment Policy and Compliance Unit (IPCU), the Belize Tax Service (BTS), the Belize Companies & Corporate Registry (BCCAR), and the Economic Development Council (EDC), officially launched the MSME Tax Amnesty Programme Roadshow at a press conference on Monday, September 29, 2025, at 9:00 a.m. at the BTEC Innovation Room, ITVET Campus, Belize City.

An overview of the programme, an outline the roles of the key agencies involved, and an explanation of the steps and criteria for accessing the programme were provided.

Under this initiative, eligible MSMEs will benefit from:

- Waiver of accrued business tax penalties or interest in relation to business tax otherwise due or payable.
- Exemption from business tax payments for up to one year, once qualified.

The National Roadshow will give MSMEs the opportunity to register with the key agencies and obtain their official Tax Amnesty Certificate upon successful completion.

**Roadshow Dates and Locations:**

- October 1 - Belize City (Belize Civic Center)
- October 2 - Corozal (Andre Campos Civic Center)
- October 3 - Orange Walk (The Dome at Peter Alvarez Park)
- October 7 - Punta Gorda (St. Peter Claver Parish Hall)
- October 8 - Independence (Community Center)
- October 9 - Hopkins (Ben's Hall)
- October 10 - Dangriga (Russell Chiste Auditorium)
- October 15 - Benque Viejo (Cancha Marshalleck)
- October 16 - San Ignacio/Santa Elena (Victor Galvez Auditorium)
- October 21 - San Pedro (Lion's Den)
- October 22 - Caye Caulker (Community Center)
- October 27 - Belmopan (Belmopan Civic Center)

The Government of Belize encourages all eligible MSMEs to participate and take advantage of this valuable opportunity for formalization and growth.

For more information on the MSME Tax Amnesty Programme, please contact BELTRAIDE's Small Business Development Center (SBDCBelize) at 280-3195 or sbdc@beltraide.bz Or the Investment, Policy & Compliance Unit (IPCU) at 880-4728/880-4729 or belizeInvestment@invest.gov.bz (release)

MSME
TAX
AMNESTY PROGRAMME
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ESSENTIAL STEPS TO GET APPROVED
BELTRAIDE/SBDCBELIZE: Complete Client intake Form and recieve MSME Client ID number.
Belize Companies & Corporate Affairs Registry: Register business/ Company name and complete registration.
Belize Tax Services: Register for TIN and online services.
Local Government: Register for Trade license if applicable.
Investment Policy & Compliance Unit: Submit application for review, approval and certificate.
BTS: Submit certificate after approval for verification of waiver and one (1) year exemption.
MSME application form must be accompanied by:
a. Copy of a valid identification (passport or social security card)
b. Copy of rent receipt/land title/written permission to occupy
c. Proof of submission of application for a Trade License, (if applicable)
d. BELTRAIDE SBDC issued MSME client ID
PM
Beltraide
BCCAR
ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT COUNCIL

## VACANCY NOTICE

## LAGISLATURE – NATIONAL ASSEMBLY

## POSITION: PARLIAMENTARY OFFICER I

Application are invited from suitable qualified persons to fill one (1) position of Parliamentary Officer I for the Legislature at the National Assembly.

The National Assembly is the Legislature or Parliament of Belize. It consists of two Houses, that is, the Senate (Upper House) and the House of Representatives (Lower House). The thirty-one (31) Members of the House of Representatives are elected in a general election under the provisions of the Representation of the People Act. Meanwhile, the thirteen (13) Members of the Senate are nominated and appointed by the Governor General of Belize, in accordance with the Constitution of Belize.

The National Assembly Staff (Conditions of Service) Regulations, 2003, define how staff of the National Assembly are governed.

**Basic Purpose of Position:**

To provide administrative support to members of the House, tracks bills, motions, committee meetings and outcomes for record-keeping, supports the Clerk and the Presiding Officer in the management of meetings and provides guidance on parliamentary meeting and administrative matters as needed

**1. Essential Duties and Responsibilities**

1. General typing of letters, memos, Notices as it relates to the House
2. Provide technical/administrative support to Members as required
3. Transcribe, edit and compile verbatim for of House/ Committee meetings
4. Compile speeches of Members of the House
5. Amend the House and Committee Room Law Books up to the month after publication of new Acts
6. Prepare Orders of the Day for the House
7. Prepare Notes for the Speaker, Deputy Speaker, Prime Minister and all other member notes required for the House meetings/
8. Prepare Minutes/Reports of the House / Committee Meetings
9. Assist with the packaging of documents for House/Senate meetings when the need arise
10. Attend to visitors at the National Assembly
11. Amend Bills for the House/Senate (Deliver to Senior Clerk Assistant for vetting)
12. Coordinate with the Senior Clerk Assistant on all matters relating to the sitting of the House/Senate
13. Assist with preparation of conferences, seminars and meetings
14. Updating of Act Book, Bill Book and Sessional Paper Books
15. Assist with research from time to time
16. Create reports for the Speaker/Deputy Speaker and President
17. In the absence of any Parliamentary Officer of either House task will be reassigned temporarily
18. Any other duties assigned from time to time

**2. The Candidate should possess the following qualifications and skills:**

**Skills and Experience Required:**

**Skills, Knowledge and Abilities**

Good knowledge of practices and procedures of the National Assembly. Have general knowledge of the functions of various government ministries/departments. Computer literate and proficient in the application of word processing and spreadsheet.

**Aptitude**

Good learning abilities, general clerical knowledge, verbal and writing ability in English. Have good public relations skills and be professional. Years of Experience in Related Field: **A minimum of three (3) years of legislative work experience will be an asset.**

**3. Academic Qualification:**

Minimum an Associate's Degree in General Studies; Secretarial Studies. Information Technology would be an asset; must possess English Language CXC General Proficiency I/II/III passes with a minimum of three (3) years of legislative work experience.

**4. Salary:**

Equivalent to Government's Payscale 12 of $22,557 x 1,014 - $41,823 per annum.

**Deadline for applications**

Interested persons who are in possession of the required qualification and experience and have the aptitude for the post of this nature are requested to submit a complete application package which must include a cover letter, curriculum vitae, copies of relevant qualifications, a copy of a recent Police record to **The Clerk, National Assembly, Price Centre Road, Belmopan**, no later than **24th October, 2025.**

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# Belize Postal Service New Postal Shop

**September 26, 2025** - The Ministry of Public Utilities, Energy, and Logistics, through the Belize Postal Services, officially launched the opening of its new Postal Shop, marking an important step in enhancing customer service and accessibility. This launch is part of a wider initiative to establish postal shops across five key locations: Belize City, San Ignacio, Placencia, Caye Caulker, and San Pedro.

In his remarks, Hon. Michel Chebat, Minister of Public Utilities, Energy, and Logistics, noted, "The Postal Shops are a step toward transforming the Belize Postal Service into a modern institution, one that meets the everyday needs of the public while simultaneously supporting national development."

Dr. Leroy Almendarez, Chief Executive Officer, emphasized the importance of modernization, stating, "The Postal Shops are not only about improved service, but also about creating opportunities. These outlets will generate economic activity, support local communities, and contribute to national growth."

The shops are designed to be convenient, one-stop locations for both residents and visitors. Dr. Marsha Price, Postmaster General, emphasized the expanded offerings: "In addition to core postal services, the Postal Shops will provide postal merchandise such as postcards, Belize-themed T-shirts, caps, and much more."

Guests at the inaugural launch in Belize City were given a preview of the diverse array of postal-related products and merchandise now available.

This nationwide expansion underscores the Belize Postal Service's commitment to improving service delivery, expanding access, and building stronger connections with communities across the entire country. The Ministry of Public Utilities, Energy, and Logistics remains dedicated to strengthening the infrastructure and services of the Belize Postal Service to better serve the people of Belize. (release)

# National Youth Consultation Preparation of the Climate Landscape Analysisfor Children and Young People (CLAC+)

**Belize City, September 27, 2025**

The Government of Belize, through the Ministry of Sustainable Development, Climate Change and Solid Waste Management, in partnership with the Department of Youth Service and United Nations Children's Fund (UNICEF) Belize, hosted the National Youth Consultation to inform Belize's Climate Landscape Analysis for Children and Youth (CLAC+) Report. This event, led by the youth for the youth, brought together over 90 young people from across the country, with sessions facilitated by young leaders from the Climate 501 Academy.

The CLAC+ report assesses how climate change, environment, energy, and disasters affect children and youth. It identifies gaps in policies, programming, and financing, and provides recommendations for government (national and municipal/local), civil society organizations, and development partners to better safeguard children's rights and secure a sustainable future. The report emphasizes children and youth as a distinct group with unique vulnerabilities and capacities, while also considering the needs of pregnant and lactating women, persons with disabilities, and Indigenous Peoples.

During the consultation, young people shared how climate change and environmental degradation impact their daily lives, education, health, and livelihoods. They highlighted actions they are already taking or are willing to take to adapt and contribute to sustainability. The youth also voiced their desire for greater involvement in decision- making on climate change, resilience-building initiatives, and climate action projects.

The preparation of the CLAC+ will continue with additional stakeholder engagement sessions, ensuring the perspectives of environmental youth groups and other vulnerable children and youths across Belize are meaningfully included. (release)

## Ministry of Rural Transformation

Community Development, Labour and Local Government

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**CALL FOR PROPOSALS**

Consultancy Services – Phase I: Legal and Institutional Gap Analysis of the Labour Act

**PURPOSE:**
The Ministry of Rural Transformation, Community Development, Labour and Local Government, in collaboration with the International Labour Organization (ILO), invites qualified consulting firms to submit proposals to undertake a comprehensive review of the Labour Act, Chapter 297, Revised Edition 2020.

This Proposal is for Phase I of the Comprehensive Review of the Labour Act.

**OBJECTIVES OF THE CONSULTANCY:**
To conduct a comprehensive legal and institutional gap analysis of the Labour Act and related labour laws, identifying inconsistencies, gaps, overlaps, and opportunities for reform, and to provide recommendations aligned with ratified ILO Conventions, CARICOM Model Laws, and national development priorities.

**SCOPE OF WORK:**
The selected consulting firm will:
- Review the Labour Act and related laws
- Assess institutional frameworks and enforcement mechanisms
- Benchmark against International Labour Standards and CARICOM model laws
- Conduct stakeholder and political economy analysis
- Present preliminary reform recommendations

**DURATION:**
Four (4) months – December 2025 to March 2026

**QUALIFICATIONS**
**Company Profile Requirements:**
The consulting firm must be a registered entity with experience in legal reform, labour law, or institutional analysis in Belize or within the CARICOM region. It should have a proven track record of successfully delivering law and policy reform projects in collaboration with government ministries, international organizations, or regional bodies. The firm must also demonstrate the capacity to manage multi-disciplinary teams and deliver results within tight deadlines, while maintaining sufficient financial and administrative resources to ensure effective project execution.

**Key Experts Required:**
1. **Team Leader / Senior Labour Law Expert**
- Law degree (LLB or higher) with at least 10 years' post-qualification experience in the relevant subject area.
- Expertise in employment law, labour legislation, and legal reform in Belize or the CARICOM region.
- Strong knowledge of International Labour Standards.

2. **Policy Reform Specialist/Economist**
- Master's degree in Public Policy, Economics, Law, or related field.
- Minimum 7 years' experience in institutional analysis, governance, public sector reform, and labour market assessment.
- Good understanding of CARICOM Model Laws, Belize's legal and institutional systems, and basic economic modelling.
- Strong knowledge of Belize's economy and regional integration matters.
- Proven ability to conduct consultations, facilitate social dialogue, and manage political economy assessments.

**GUIDANCE ON SUBMISSON OF PROPOSAL:**
- Email submitted to: labour.comm@labour.gov.bz
- Subject email: Consultancy Services – Phase I: Legal and Institutional Gap Analysis of the Labour Act
- Attachment 1: Technical Proposal in password protected PDF format
- Attachment 2: Financial Proposal in password protected PDF format
- Submission deadline: 15th October 2025 at 4:00 pm

Note 1: Only complete submissions received by this deadline will be considered.

Note 2: Further guidance on submission requirements is provided in the Terms of Reference (TOR), which can be requested from the LabourDepartment at the same email address.

# PUBLIC NOTICE BWSL Full Tariff Review Proceeding (2026-2031) Submission

**BELIZE WATER SERVICES LIMITED (BWSL) HEREBY SERVES NOTICE** that on October 1, 2025, in accordance with the Water and Sewerage (Tariffs) Byelaws (Statutory Instrument 67 of 2002) as amended by Statutory Instrument 51 of 2025, has submitted its five-year Business Plan to the PublicUtilities Comm ission (PUC) and now enters into a Full Tariff Review Proceeding (FTRP) with the PUC. The FTRP is a review of the Business Plan, Rates, Tariffs, and Charges to be determined by the PUC for the next five-year Full Tariff Period (FTP), which starts on April 1, 2026, through March 31, 2031.

**Summary of Proposal**
BWSL charges tariffs and miscellaneous fees reviewed and approved by the Public Utilities Commission (PUC) through a regulatory process based on a Business Plan Review for a five-year Full Tariff Period (FTP), with annual reviews allowed under exceptional circumstances. BWS is presently operating under a **one-year extension (FY2025/26)** with no tariff adjustment, granted by the PUC.

BWSL's proposal to the PUC includes financial projections based on audited financials, the FY2025/26 budget, and other recent data. The plan outlines forecasts for FY2026/27–2030/31.

Over the past five years, BWS has faced challenges from fluctuating water demand, rising costs, post-COVID economic shifts, and ongoing infrastructure investments, compounded by global economic pressures. These factors have increased operational expenses and funding needs. BWS is therefore requesting a tariff adjustment to support a planned **BZD $130 million capital program**, including sewer systems, water expansion and supply projects, meter replacement, and capital renewal. Funding will come from tariff revenues, reserves, debt, and GOB assistance. Several larger projects, which require approval and assistance from the Government and one or more International Financial Institutions, are specifically excluded, as these have not yet reached definitive agreements. The option to obtain financing is often challenging as lenders are wary of the uncertainty of tariff decisions.

**PUC Public Hearing**
The PUC will hold a Public Hearing on Friday, October 17, 2025, at the Biltmore Plaza in Belize City, Belize, starting at 6:00 p.m. At the meeting, BWSL will present its Business Plan to the Commission. Both the Commission and those in attendance will be allowed to share comments on matters presented. All interested parties are invited to attend.

**Comments and Information**
Members of the public may participate in the FTRP by submitting written comments on BWS' submission to the PUC by October 30, 2025, by email at info@puc.bz or in writing at the PUC office. Additionally, where any person submits comments or information purported to be factual, such comments or information shall be accompanied by an affidavit.

Three copies of all applications, reports, documents, comments or information provided by members of the public shall be filed at the PUC's office and a copy shall be provided to BWS at its principal office of business on the same day. The PUC is required to issue an Initial Decision on the submission by November 14, 2025. The licensee or an interested party representing users of at least 10% of the water supplied in the preceding year may submit written comments on the Initial Decision within 15 days.

**Delivery of Final Decision**
The PUC is expected to deliver its Initial Decision within 30 days. If there are no objections to the Initial Decision, the Final Decision is to be issued within 15 days thereafter. Should there be objections, then an Independent Expert has to be appointed and the Final Decision may be delayed a further 64 days. Where there is no objection to the Initial Decision, the PUC shall adopt it as its Final Decision.

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BWS - Delivering Water and More...

# Indigenous Women Empowered

## by Advanced Product Development and Design Project

The Ministry of Foreign Affairs, Foreign Trade, Culture, and Immigration (MFAFTCI), in partnership with the Taiwan International Cooperation and Development Fund (Taiwan ICDF) and Home of Indigenous Arts Belize Limited, successfully implemented Phase Two of the Advanced Product Development and Design Project. Through this vocational training project, indigenous women artisans in southern Belize were empowered to strengthen their traditional crafting skills, enhance their entrepreneurial capacity, and expand the quality and diversity of their production.

The project concluded on September 29, 2025, with a certification award ceremony and the launch of an exhibition to showcase the stories, skills, and products created by the women participants. The exhibition will remain open to the public, schools, and other interested visitors until October 30, 2025.

The event marked a significant milestone in southern Belize, empowering women to achieve financial independence by supporting twenty-two artisans from the communities of Mabil Ha, San Lucas, Aquacate, Mafredi, Santa Cruz, San Pedro Columbia, San Felipe, and Punta Gorda Town in the Toledo District.

The MFAFTCI expresses its sincere appreciation to the Government and people of the Republic of China (Taiwan) for their steadfast partnership and commitment to empowering women towards greater independence.

The ceremony was attended by H.E. Lily Li-Wen Hsu, Ambassador of the Republic of China (Taiwan) to Belize; Dr. the Hon. Osmond Martinez, Minister of State, Ministry of Economic Transformation; Ms Seidy Quetzal, Foreign Service Officer, Ministry of Foreign Affairs, Foreign Trade, Culture, and Immigration; Chief Andrew Su of Taiwan Technical Mission; Mr. Gustavo Requena, Director of Indigenous Peoples' Affairs, Ministry of Indigenous, Constitutional and Religious Affairs, and Transportation; Ms. Jill Cai, Manager, Women Empowerment Project, Taiwan Technical Mission.

# Four CARICOM Countries Launch Full Free Movement

Barbados, Belize, Dominica, and St. Vincent and the Grenadines will implement full Free Movement of CARICOM nationals among the four countries, effective Wednesday, October 1, 2025.

Extensive preparations have been undertaken to ensure a smooth and secure roll-out of full Free Movement among these four member States. These include:

- Indefinite Stay at Entry: Nationals of the four participating Member States will receive a stamp or digital record of indefinite stay upon arrival.
- Registration: Systems have been established to allow for registration of incoming nationals, enabling access to services such as education and healthcare, and allowing national agencies to plan for any increased demand.
- Security and Health Safeguards: Effective oversight measures are in place to ensure that individuals who pose a threat to national security, public health, or who would be a public charge are either denied entry or subject to removal. These measures will be supported by the CARICOM Implementation Agency for Crime and Security (IMPACS), which coordinates Member States' security cooperation and administers the Advanced Passenger Information System (APIS), which mandates submission of passenger data before travel.
- Complaints Mechanism: Nationals who experience difficulties at ports of entry or after entry may use the CARICOM Complaints Procedure, which is already operational under the CARICOM Single Market and Economy (CSME). Forms are available at all ports of entry and complaints will be reviewed within two (2) weeks, with investigations completed within eight (8) weeks, where necessary.

With systems in place and preparations complete, the four countries are fully ready to manage the new Free Movement arrangements effectively in the best interest of their citizens and the wider region.

BELIZE Social Investment Fund

## REQUEST FOR EXPRESSIONS OF INTEREST (CONSULTING SERVICES – INDIVIDUAL CONSULTANT SELECTION)

**Belize**
**Climate Resilient and Sustainable Agriculture Project (CRESAP)**
**Loan No.: 9347 BE**
**Project ID No.: P172592**
**Assignment Title: Social Safeguard Specialist (CRESAP)**
**Reference No. BZ-SIF-501675-CS-INDV**

The Government of Belize has received financing from the World Bank toward the cost of the Climate Resilient and Sustainable Agriculture Project and intends to apply part of the proceeds for consulting services.

The consulting services ("the Services") is for a suitable qualified **FULLTIME SOCIAL SAFEGUARD SPECIALIST FOR CLIMATE RESILIENT AND SUSTAINABLE AGRICULTURE PROJECT (CRESAP).** The Social Safeguard Specialist will work closely with the Water Management and Climate Change Coordinator in the Ministry of Agriculture, Food Security and Enterprise (MAFSE) and will report to the Project Coordinator (PC) of the CRESAP PIU.

The GOB has appointed the Belize Social Investment Fund (BSIF) as the implementing agency for the project and the BSIF is seeking to recruit an individual to fill the position of **Social Safeguard Specialist for CRESAP.**

The consultancy is expected to be for an initial period of Eighteen (18) months commencing November 2025. The Social Safeguard Specialist will be supervised by the Project Coordinator (PC) of the CRESAP PIU.

The detailed Terms of Reference (TOR) for the assignment can be obtained by submitting a request in writing via e-mail to procurement.cresap@sifbelize.org.

The Belize Social Investment Fund now invites eligible individuals ("Consultants") to indicate their interest in providing the Services. Interested Consultants should provide information demonstrating that they have the required qualifications and relevant experience to perform the Services (such as cover letter, Curriculum Vitae etc.).

**Minimum Mandatory Requirements *(Required)**
**Qualifications**

- Professional with a Bachelor's degree in Anthropology, Sociology, Applied Social Science, Agro-ecology or Sustainable Development or related field relevant to the assignment (20 points).

**General Experience**

- At least four (4) years of relevant professional experience in Social risk management , including the development and implementation of Social safeguards/standards instruments (max 30 points)

***If these minimum requirements are not met, candidates will not be considered for the process***

**Additional Requirements (Desirable) Specific Experience**

- Experience in Social risk management in development projects; (max 20 points)
- Knowledge and experience working with World Bank Environmental and Social Framework or Safeguards Policies and instruments; or with similar standards and policies of other multilateral development institutions (e.g. IFAD, GCF, IDB, CDB, EU etc.); (max 20 points)
- Experience working or familiarity with grievance redress mechanisms and labour laws of Belize and the ILO. (max 10 points)

**Minimum total points required to be considered for the assignment is 75 points.**

The attention of interested Consultants is drawn to Section III, paragraphs, 3.14, 3.16, and 3.17 of the World Bank's "Procurement Regulations for IPF Borrowers" July 2016 ("Procurement Regulations"), setting forth the World Bank's policy on conflict of interest.

A Consultant will be selected in accordance with the Selection of Individual Consultant method set out in the Procurement Regulations.

Further information can be obtained at the address below during office hours, i.e. 0800 to 1600 hours Belize Time.

Expressions of interest must be delivered in a written form to the address below (in person, or by mail, or by e-mail) by **October 24th, 2025** at 17:00 hours Belize Time.

Belize Social Investment Fund
Attn: Ms. Jahnina Reyes, Procurement Officer
P.O. Box 459, 4253 Hummingbird Highway, Building C, Belmopan City, Belize
Telephone +501-822-0239
Email: procurement.cresap@sifbelize.org

# MINISTRY OF INFRASTRUCTURE DEVELOPMENT AND HOUSING

## PROCUREMENT NOTICE

### CONSTRUCTION OF BIKE PATH FROM SEINE BIGHT VILLAGE TO PLACENCIA VILLAGE

The Government of Belize (GOB), through the Ministry of Infrastructure Development and Housing (MIDH), intends to construct a Bike Path from Seine Bight Village to Placencia Village in the Stann Creek District using Reinforced Concrete.

Provided there are no delays, construction is expected to start within a month. The MIDH hereby invites interested contractors in the civil works to be part of this bidding process.

The Project is being implemented by the MIDH, Project Execution Unit (PEU). An Engineering Coordinator within the PEU will be responsible for the day-to-day management of project activities.

The Scope of Works includes:

- Setting out of Works
- Establishment of Formwork
- Installation of Reinforced Concrete Bike Path

Consideration will be given to local firms who have qualified extensive experience in rigid pavement construction of a similar size and complexity.

Minimum Qualification Criteria:

- General Construction Experience: 3 Years
- Specific Construction Experience using Reinforced Concrete Pavement
- Contract Management Experience: 3 Years
- Construction Experience in a Project of Similar Size and Complexity (one)
- Access to Line of Credit: $300,000.00
- Average annual turnover of minimum: Bz$500,000.00
- Qualified registered Engineer: 5 years' experience

Effective **Monday 6 October 2025,** Bidding Documents are available at a cost of **Bz$250.00** from the address below.

Bidders shall submit proposals (one original and one copy) in a sealed envelope to the address below. The sealed envelope containing each submission must include the name and address of the applicant and be clearly marked **"Bid Submission for the Construction of Bike Path from Seine Bight Village to Placencia Village".**

All Bidding Documents shall reach the office of the Chief Engineer/Engineering Coordinator at the address below no later than **Friday 17 October 2025** at **10:00 a.m.** The Ministry shall not be bound to assign any reason for not post-qualifying any contractor and shall not accept responsibility for any cost incurred by the applicants.

A pre-bid meeting shall be conducted on **Friday 10 October 2025** at **10:00am** at the project site in Placencia. Bidders shall congregate on the Placencia Road near the Seine Bight Community Center.

Attention: **Mr. Evondale Moody**
Chief Engineer / Engineering Coordinator
Ministry of Infrastructure Development and Housing
Power Lane
Belmopan
**BELIZE C.A.**
Tel: +501-828-5221
Email: peu@midh.gov.bz

## LIQUOR LICENSE NOTICE

Notice is hereby given that **Edward N. Musa** is applying for a **Publican General Liquor License** to be operated at **"James Brodies & Co. Ltd."** located at 1 ½ Mls. P.G. HWY., Belize City, Belize District under the Intoxicating Liquor License Ordinance Revised Edition 1980.

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Notice is hereby given that **Curtis Musa** is applying for a **Shop Liquor License** to be operated at **"James Brodies & Co. Ltd."** located at 2 ½ Mls. P.G. HWY., Belize City, Belize District under the Intoxicating Liquor License Ordinance Revised Edition 1980.

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Notice is hereby given that **E. N. Musa** is applying for a **Shop Liquor License** to be operated at **"James Brodies & Co. Ltd."** located on Albert Street, Belize City, Belize District under the Intoxicating Liquor License Ordinance Revised Edition 1980.

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Notice is hereby given that **Midpoint Belize Limited** is applying for a **Restaurant Liquor License** to be operated at **"Midpoint Belize Limited"** located at # 168 Newtown Barracks, Belize City, Belize District under the Intoxicating Liquor License Ordinance Revised Edition 1980.

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Notice is hereby given that **Midtown Company Ltd.** is applying for a **Restaurant Liquor License** to be operated at **"Midtown Company Ltd."** located at # 168 Newtown Barracks, Belize City, Belize District under the Intoxicating Liquor License Ordinance Revised Edition 1980.

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Notice is hereby given that **Midtown Company Ltd.** is applying for a **Shop Liquor License** to be operated at **"Midtown Company Ltd."** located at BTL Park, Belize City, Belize District under the Intoxicating Liquor License Ordinance Revised Edition 1980.

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Notice is hereby given that **Lucca Gastro Pub Ltd.** is applying for a **Restaurant Liquor License** to be operated at **"Lucca Gastro Pub Ltd."** located at # 1055 Princess Margaret Drive, Belize City, Belize District under the Intoxicating Liquor License Ordinance Revised Edition 1980.

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Notice is hereby given that **Midnight 501 Company Ltd.** is applying for a **Night Club Liquor License** to be operated at **"Midnight 501 Company Ltd."** located at # 160 Newtown Barracks, Belize City, Belize District under the Intoxicating Liquor License Ordinance Revised Edition 1980.

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Notice is hereby given that **Wenhao Huang** is applying for a **Shop Liquor License** to be operated at **"19 Miles Shopping Center"** located in Sandhill Village, Belize District under the Intoxicating Liquor License Ordinance Revised Edition 1980.

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Notice is hereby given that **Canzhu Xu** is applying for a **Shop Liquor License** to be operated at **"Ladyville Boutique"** located in Ladyville Village, Belize District under the Intoxicating Liquor License Ordinance Revised Edition 1980.

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Notice is hereby given that **Xiaocong Zhang** is applying for a **Shop Liquor License** to be operated at **"Ming's Happy Store"** located in Lord's Bank Village, Belize District under the Intoxicating Liquor License Ordinance Revised Edition 1980.

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Notice is hereby given that **Jianming Liao** is applying for a **Shop Liquor License** to be operated at **"Ming Al Supermarket"** located at # 9116 Barbara Harris St., Belize City, Belize District under the Intoxicating Liquor License Ordinance Revised Edition 1980.

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Notice is hereby given that **WenLi Chen** is applying for a **Shop Liquor License** to be operated at **"Ice Cold Store"** located in Burrell Boom Village, Belize District under the Intoxicating Liquor License Ordinance Revised Edition 1980.

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Notice is hereby given that **William/Jimmy Quinto** are applying for a **Publican General Liquor License** to be operated at **"Gonzalo Quinto & Son"** located at # 11 Queen St., Belize City, Belize District under the Intoxicating Liquor License Ordinance Revised Edition 1980.

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**GOVERNMENT OF BELIZE**
**MINISTRY OF FINANCE, INVESTMENT, ECONOMIC TRANSFORMATION, CIVIL AVIATION & E-GOVERNANCE**
**PROJECT: RESILIENT RURAL BELIZE PROGRAMME**
**ROAD INFRASTRUCTURE – SANTA CRUZ ROAD (5.2 KM)**
**Reference Number: RRB.W.17**

## INVITATION TO BID – WORKS

The **Government of Belize (GOB)** has received financing from the Caribbean Development Bank (CDB) in an amount equivalent to US$5 Million towards the cost of the Resilient Rural Belize Programme and intends to apply a portion of the proceeds to eligible payments under this contract. Payment by CDB will be made only at the request of GOB and upon approval by CDB, and will be subject, in all respects, to the terms and conditions of the Loan Agreement. The Loan Agreement prohibits a withdrawal from the Loan Account for the purpose of any payment to persons or entities, or for any import of goods, if such payment or import, to the knowledge of CDB, is prohibited by a decision of the United Nations Security Council taken under Chapter VII of the Charter of the United Nations. No party other than GOB shall derive any rights from the Loan Agreement or have any claim to the proceeds of the Loan.

The Resilient Rural Belize Programme (RRB) is the Executing Agency for the Project, and the Ministry of Finance, Investment, **Economic Transformation**, Civil Aviation & E-Governance, is responsible for the overall implementation of the project. The RRB invites sealed bids from eligible and qualified bidders for
**Road Infrastructure – Santa Cruz Road (5.2 km)**. The works include, but may not be limited to the following:

The upgrading of the Santa Cruz Road, Toledo District. On completion, the project shall upgrade 5.2 km of roadway to traversable standard and will include the following:

- Clearing of Road Reserve
- Undercutting of soft material and dispose
- Excavate or clean side drains
- Minor waterway training and cleaning
- Supply and install concrete Culvert Units as per Drawings
- Construct Wingwalls, Aprons and Headwalls
- Supply and backfill culvert units with suitable material
- Supply, transport, place, and compact fill materials
- Supply, transport, place, and compact surface dressing materials (double chip seal surface layer)
- Road signage and markings
- Repair steel bridge girders
- Construct new reinforced concrete bridges

The bidding process is conducted according to the procedures specified in the Procurement Procedures forProjects Financed by CDB (January, 2021), as published on CDB's website and is open to all bidders from eligible countries.

Eligible countries are member countries of CDB. Bidders are advised to review the relevant eligibility criteria detailed in Section 4 and conflict of interest provisions in Section 5 of the Procurement Procedures for Projects Financed by CDB (January, 2021), as published on CDB's website.

Firms whether applying individually or in the form of a Joint Venture, shall:

(a) be legally incorporated or otherwise organised in, and have their principal place of business in an Eligible Country;
(b) be more than fifty (50) percent beneficially-owned by a citizen or citizens and/or a bona fide resident or residents of an Eligible Country, or
by a body corporate or bodies meeting these requirements, as far as the ownership can be reasonably determined; and
(c) shall have no arrangement and undertake not to make any arrangement whereby the majority of the financial benefits of the contract, i.e.
more than fifty (50) percent of the value of the contract, will accrue or be paid to sub-contractors or sub-consultants that are not from an Eligible Country.

Eligible bidders will be required to submit full qualification information with their bids establishing their eligibility to bid and qualification to perform the contract if the bid is accepted.

Qualification requirements include, inter alia:

(a) an average annual turnover (defined as certified payments received for works in progress or completed) within the last 5 years of seven
million Belize dollars, (7,000,000 BZD),
(b) a demonstrable cash flow (including access to credit) of 456,000 BZD and
(c) experience as prime contractor in the construction of at least one (1) assignment of a nature, scope and complexity comparable to the proposed project activity within the last five (5) years. (to comply with this requirement, works quoted should be at least 80 percent complete).

Bidding and qualification information are to be submitted in the **English Language** on the prescribed forms inserted in the Bid Documents. Submissions that do not
provide the information required or that do not demonstrate the prospective supplier's ability to perform satisfactorily, will not qualify and will not be considered for further evaluation.

Requests for bidding documents may be made in writing to the first address below. Written applications must be clearly marked: "Request for Bid Documents for Road Infrastructure – Santa Cruz Road (5.2 km)". The electronic Bidding submission procedures are as follows: Electronic Bids shall be submitted by email, as a password protected single attachment, in pdf format, by the deadline and to the second and fourth email addresses stated below. The password shall be submitted in a separate email, five (5) to ten (10) minutes after the bid submission deadline and before the public opening of bids.

Hard copies of Bids must be submitted as follows: one (1) original and two (2) copies in one envelope sealed and marked as indicated in the bidding document, with the name and address of the bidder, and be clearly marked "Bid for Road Infrastructure – Santa Cruz Road (5.2 km) and in addition, one copy of the bid shall be an electronic copy saved on a flash drive also included in the sealed envelope, to the third address below. Electronic or physical bids must be delivered no later than **November 27, 2025 at 10:00 a.m. (local time)**. Bids will be opened publicly immediately after the deadline for submission of bids, in the presence of Bidders' representatives who choose to attend at the **third address** below.

Each bid must be accompanied by a Bid-Securing Declaration. Late bids will be rejected.

GOB/Ministry of Economic Transformation reserves the right to accept or reject any bid, and to annul the process and reject all bids, at any time prior to award of contract, without thereby incurring any liability to the affected prospective bidder(s) or any obligation to inform the affected prospective bidder(s) of the grounds for GOB/Ministry of Economic Transformation action. GOB will not defray any costs incurred by any bidder in the preparation of bids.

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| (1) Address and information for Requesting Bidding Documents and Requesting Clarifications:<br>Attention: Senior Procurement Officer<br>Street Address: Hummingbird Highway, National Agriculture Showgrounds<br>City: City of Belmopan, Cayo District<br>Country: Belize, C.A.<br>Electronic mail address: lpalacio.rrb@met.gov.bz<br>Copied to: Nadia Vernon, nvernon.rrb@met.gov.bz | (2) Address and information for electronic Bid Submission and Bid Opening:<br>Electronic mail address:<br>procurement.rrb@met.gov.bz |
| (3) Address and information for Physical Bid Submission and Bid Opening Venue:<br>Resilient Rural Belize Programme<br>Attention: Senior Procurement Officer<br>Street Address: Hummingbird Highway,<br>National Agriculture Showgrounds<br>City: City of Belmopan, Cayo District<br>Country: Belize, C.A. | (4) Caribbean Development Bank<br><br>Tel: (+1246) 539-1600<br>**Email:** procurement@caribank.org |

## LIQUOR LICENSE NOTICE

Notice is hereby given that **Xian Ying He** is applying for a **Shop Liquor License** to be operated at **"Golden Bay (Belize) Company Limited"** located at # 8 Fort Street, Terminal 4, Belize City, Belize District under the Intoxicating Liquor License Ordinance Revised Edition 1980.

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Notice is hereby given that **Xian Ying He** is applying for a **Restaurant Liquor License** to be operated at **"Vino Tinto Bar & Grill"** located at # 1160 Marine Parade, Belize City, Belize District under the Intoxicating Liquor License Ordinance Revised Edition 1980.

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Notice is hereby given that **Wenjing Lei** is applying for a **Shop Liquor License** to be operated at **"Lei's Fast Food"** located at # 16 Perez Rd., Ladyville Village, Belize District under the Intoxicating Liquor License Ordinance Revised Edition 1980.

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Notice is hereby given that **Holanda Chan** is applying for a **Night Club Liquor License** to be operated at **"Foxxi's Bar"** located at # 63 Cemetery Road, Belize City, Belize District under the Intoxicating Liquor License Ordinance Revised Edition 1980.

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Notice is hereby given that **Yuan Quing Situ** is applying for a **Publican Special Liquor License** to be operated at **"Atlantic Restaurant"** located on P.G. HWY., Belize City, Belize District under the Intoxicating Liquor License Ordinance Revised Edition 1980.

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Notice is hereby given that **Jian Fan Wu** is applying for a **Restaurant Liquor License** to be operated at **"Green Pandan"** located at 16 ½ Mls. G.P. HWY., Hattieville Village, Belize District under the Intoxicating Liquor License Ordinance Revised Edition 1980.

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Notice is hereby given that **Golden Friendship Company Ltd.** is applying for a **Publican Special Liquor License** to be operated at **"Golden Friendship Company Ltd."** located at # 6196 Buttonwood Bay, Belize City, Belize District under the Intoxicating Liquor License Ordinance Revised Edition 1980.

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Notice is hereby given that **Curtis A. Arnold** is applying for a **Convenience Store Liquor License** to be operated at **"Ekron Company Ltd"** located at 2 Mls. P.G. HWY., Belize City, Belize District under the Intoxicating Liquor License Ordinance Revised Edition 1980.

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Notice is hereby given that **Curtis A. Arnold** is applying for a **Convenience Store Liquor License** to be operated at **"Big 8 Company Limited"** located at # 95 Cemetery Rd., Belize City, Belize District under the Intoxicating Liquor License Ordinance Revised Edition 1980.

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Notice is hereby given that **Lihua Lin** is applying for a **Shop Liquor License** to be operated at **"Ladyville Supermarket"** located at 8 ½ Mls. P.G. HWY., Ladyville Village, Belize District under the Intoxicating Liquor License Ordinance Revised Edition 1980.

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**PROJECT: RESILIENT RURAL BELIZE PROGRAMME**

**ROAD INFRASTRUCTURE – SAN JOSE FARM ROAD (3.5KM)**
**Reference Number: RRB.W.16**

**INVITATION TO BID – WORKS**

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- Clearing of Road Reserve
- Undercutting of soft material and dispose
- Excavate or clean side drains
- Installation of grouted rip rap for embankment protection
- Supply and install concrete Ford Crossings as per Drawings
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by a bvody corporate or bodies meeting these requirements, as far as the ownership can be reasonably determined; and
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Eligible bidders will be required to submit full qualification information with their bids establishing their eligibility to bid and qualification to perform the contract if the bid is accepted.

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# LIQUOR LICENSE NOTICES

Notice is hereby given that **Johan Quiroa** is applying for a **Beer Liquor License** to be operated at **"Snobite Shaved Ice"** located in Copper Bank Village, Corozal District under the Intoxicating Liquor License Ordinance Revised Edition 1980.

Notice is hereby given that **Jitendra M. Chawla** is applying for a **Shop Liquor License** to be operated at **"JC Club Belize"** located at 2 Mls. G.P.HWY., Belize City, Belize District under the Intoxicating Liquor License Ordinance Revised Edition 1980.

Notice is hereby given that **Jia Wei Li** is applying for a **Publican General Liquor License** to be operated at **"Tommy's Shop"** located at # 6519 C.A. Blvd., Belize City, Belize District under the Intoxicating Liquor License Ordinance Revised Edition 1980.

Notice is hereby given that **Jian Xiong He** is applying for a **Shop Liquor License** to be operated at **"T & W Store"** located at # 44 Vernon St., Belize City, Belize District under the Intoxicating Liquor License Ordinance Revised Edition 1980.

Notice is hereby given that **JianJian Liu** is applying for a **Shop Liquor License** to be operated at **"Landing Store"** located in Bermudian Landing Village, Belize District under the Intoxicating Liquor License Ordinance Revised Edition 1980.

Notice is hereby given that **Jinwe Zhao** is applying for a **Shop Liquor License** to be operated at **"Daphaine Lee D & L Store"** located at # 2049 Teacher's St., Belize City, Belize District under the Intoxicating Liquor License Ordinance Revised Edition 1980.

Notice is hereby given that **Jia Sheng Chen** is applying for a **Shop Liquor License** to be operated at **"Yan Store"** located at # 37 Neal's Penn Rd., Belize City, Belize District under the Intoxicating Liquor License Ordinance Revised Edition 1980.

Notice is hereby given that **Juan G. Magana Jr/Tatiana A. Magana** are applying for a **Restaurant Liquor License** to be operated at **"Lagom Terrace"** located at # 9 Hopkins St., Belize City, Belize District under the Intoxicating Liquor License Ordinance Revised Edition 1980.

Notice is hereby given that **Josue R. Sosa** is applying for a **Restaurant Liquor License** to be operated at **"Little John's Corner"** located at # 24 Landivar St., Belize City, Belize District under the Intoxicating Liquor License Ordinance Revised Edition 1980.

Notice is hereby given that **Gen Wan Liu** is applying for a **Shop Liquor License** to be operated at **"New Road Supermarket"** located at # 84 New Raod., Belize City, Belize District under the Intoxicating Liquor License Ordinance Revised Edition 1980.

Notice is hereby given that **Gui Fang Feng** is applying for a **Shop Liquor License** to be operated at **"Belmopan Daily Superstore"** located at # 29 Racoon Ave., City of Belmopan, Cayo District under the Intoxicating Liquor License Ordinance Revised Edition 1980.

Notice is hereby given that **Xian Hao Ye** is applying for a **Shop Liquor License** to be operated at **"Ba Sheng Lun Supermarket"** located at # 4415 Nim Li Punit St., City of Belmopan, Cayo District under the Intoxicating Liquor License Ordinance Revised Edition 1980.

Notice is hereby given that **Hui You Chen** is applying for a **Publican Special Liquor License** to be operated at **"Cam Fong Restaurant"** located at # 4192 Constitution Drive, City of Belmopan, Cayo District under the Intoxicating Liquor License Ordinance Revised Edition 1980.

Notice is hereby given that **Cheng Jiu Luo** is applying for a **Shop Liquor License** to be operated at **"Yong Xing Store"** located in Armenia Village, Cayo District under the Intoxicating Liquor License Ordinance Revised Edition 1980.

Notice is hereby given that **Jian Feng Cao & Cui Feng Dai** are applying for a **Shop Liquor License** to be operated at **"Yolia's Superstore"** located in Armenia Village, Cayo District under the Intoxicating Liquor License Ordinance Revised Edition 1980.

Notice is hereby given that **Floriselda E Ochao** is applying for a **Restaurant Liquor License** to be operated at **"Omega Restaurant"** located in Mt. View, Las Flores, City of Belmopan, Cayo District under the Intoxicating Liquor License Ordinance Revised Edition 1980.

Notice is hereby given that **Marivel E. Mercado** is applying for a **Shop Liquor License** to be operated at **"Estenia Shop"** located in Cotton Tree Village, Cayo District under the Intoxicating Liquor License Ordinance Revised Edition 1980.

Notice is hereby given that **Jin Long Wu** is applying for a **Publican Special Liquor License** to be operated at **"Top One Restaurant & Bar"** located in Market Square, City of Belmopan, Cayo District under the Intoxicating Liquor License Ordinance Revised Edition 1980.

Notice is hereby given that **Chun Bai Li** is applying for a **Publican Special Liquor License** to be operated at **"Mike's Cue Club Bar & Restaurant"** located at # 2 Barton Creek St., City of Belmopan, Cayo District under the Intoxicating Liquor License Ordinance Revised Edition 1980.

Notice is hereby given that **Miguel A. Funez** is applying for a **Publican Special Liquor License** to be operated at **"La Ruta Restaurant & Bar"** located in Agua Viva Area, Armenia Village, Cayo District under the Intoxicating Liquor License Ordinance Revised Edition 1980.

Notice is hereby given that **Xiao Peng Zhang** is applying for a **Shop Liquor License** to be operated at **"James Shopping Center"** located at # 347 San Martin Ave., City of Belmopan, Cayo District under the Intoxicating Liquor License Ordinance Revised Edition 1980.

Notice is hereby given that **Xinhui Zhang** is applying for a **Shop Liquor License** to be operated at **"San Martin Store"** located at # 32 San Martin Ave., City of Belmopan, Cayo District under the Intoxicating Liquor License Ordinance Revised Edition 1980.

Notice is hereby given that **Ming Feng Chen** is applying for a **Restaurant Liquor License** to be operated at **"Jia Kang Restaurant"** located at # 4424 Nim Li Punit St., City of Belmopan, Cayo District under the Intoxicating Liquor License Ordinance Revised Edition 1980.

Notice is hereby given that **Meiling Cao** is applying for a **Shop Liquor License** to be operated at **"99 Supermarket"** located at # 4415 Nim Li Punit St., City of Belmopan, Cayo District under the Intoxicating Liquor License Ordinance Revised Edition 1980.

Notice is hereby given that **Yan Jun Tan** is applying for a **Shop Liquor License** to be operated at **"TJ Supermarket"** located at # 3654 Citron St., City of Belmopan, Cayo District under the Intoxicating Liquor License Ordinance Revised Edition 1980.

Notice is hereby given that **Neydy A. Lopez** is applying for a **Restaurant Liquor License** to be operated at **"Sungem Restaurant"** located in Franks Eddy Village, Cayo District under the Intoxicating Liquor License Ordinance Revised Edition 1980.

Notice is hereby given that **Gaby S. Cruz** is applying for a **Publican Special Liquor License** to be operated at **"Naomi Gourmet"** located in Cotton Tree Village, Cayo District under the Intoxicating Liquor License Ordinance Revised Edition 1980.

Notice is hereby given that **Miguel Funez** is applying for a **Publican Special Liquor License** to be operated at **"La Fiesta"** located in Camalote Village, Cayo District under the Intoxicating Liquor License Ordinance Revised Edition 1980.

Notice is hereby given that **Pengan Zhou/ Hai Yan Wu** are applying for a **Shop Liquor License** to be operated at **"Dream Superstore"** located at # 4425 Nim Li Punit St., City of Belmopan, Cayo District under the Intoxicating Liquor License Ordinance Revised Edition 1980.

Notice is hereby given that **Bing Zhu Liu** is applying for a **Shop Liquor License** to be operated at **"Rainbow Superstore"** located at # 3034 Forest Drive, City of Belmopan, Cayo District under the Intoxicating Liquor License Ordinance Revised Edition 1980.

Notice is hereby given that **Huan Jun Zhu** is applying for a **Shop Liquor License** to be operated at **"Fansico Supermarket"** located at # 4421/22 Nim Li Punit St., City of Belmopan, Cayo District under the Intoxicating Liquor License Ordinance Revised Edition 1980.

Notice is hereby given that **Li Zhen Chen** is applying for a **Publican Special Liquor License** to be operated at **"Chen's Restaurant"** located at # 4 St. Matthew's St., City of Belmopan, Cayo District under the Intoxicating Liquor License Ordinance Revised Edition 1980.

Notice is hereby given that **Wei Ming Tan** is applying for a **Shop Liquor License** to be operated at **"M & J Shopping Center"** located at # 5800 Hummingbird HWY., City of Belmopan, Cayo District under the Intoxicating Liquor License Ordinance Revised Edition 1980.

Notice is hereby given that **Shao Rong Tan** is applying for a **Shop Liquor License** to be operated at **"1688 Shopping Center"** located at # 2 Mahogany St., City of Belmopan, Cayo District under the Intoxicating Liquor License Ordinance Revised Edition 1980.

Notice is hereby given that **Lu Hui Zhang** is applying for a **Publican Special Liquor License** to be operated at **"De Wang Restaurant"** located at # 37 Forest Drive, City of Belmopan, Cayo District under the Intoxicating Liquor License Ordinance Revised Edition 1980.

Notice is hereby given that **Zhong Jian Huang** is applying for a **Shop Liquor License** to be operated at **"The Mall Ltd."** located at # 7152 Hummingbird HWY., City of Belmopan, Cayo District under the Intoxicating Liquor License Ordinance Revised Edition 1980.

Notice is hereby given that **Can Ying He** is applying for a **Shop Liquor License** to be operated at **"Ionni Store"** located at # 2 Summit St., City of Belmopan, Cayo District under the Intoxicating Liquor License Ordinance Revised Edition 1980.

Notice is hereby given that **Jose L. Aldana** is applying for a **Shop Liquor License** to be operated at **"Aldana Mini Vege Shop"** located at # 36 Calle Las Americas, City of Belmopan, Cayo District under the Intoxicating Liquor License Ordinance Revised Edition 1980.

Notice is hereby given that **Jing Sen Tan** is applying for a **Shop Liquor License** to be operated at **"Uncle Supermarket"** located at # 3898 Hummingbird Ave., City of Belmopan, Cayo District under the Intoxicating Liquor License Ordinance Revised Edition 1980.

Notice is hereby given that **De Jing Ma** is applying for a **Shop Liquor License** to be operated at **"Jing Feng Store"** located on Costa Rica St., City of Belmopan, Cayo District under the Intoxicating Liquor License Ordinance Revised Edition 1980.

Notice is hereby given that **Li Hong Fang** is applying for a **Shop Liquor License** to be operated at **"Franco's Store"** located in Camalote Village, Cayo District under the Intoxicating Liquor License Ordinance Revised Edition 1980.

Notice is hereby given that **Xing Juan Zhu** is applying for a **Shop Liquor License** to be operated at **"Anna's Supermarket"** located at # 70 G.P. HWY., Santa Elena Town, Cayo District under the Intoxicating Liquor License Ordinance Revised Edition 1980.

Notice is hereby given that **Yan Hui Wu** is applying for a **Shop Liquor License** to be operated at **"Helen Snack Shop"** located at # 2A San Martin Ave., City of Belmopan, Cayo District under the Intoxicating Liquor License Ordinance Revised Edition 1980.

Notice is hereby given that **Yessenia S. Perez** is applying for a **Shop Liquor License** to be operated at **"Yessi Mini Shop"** located in Cotton Tree Village, Cayo District under the Intoxicating Liquor License Ordinance Revised Edition 1980.

Notice is hereby given that **Sui Kei Luk** is applying for a **Restaurant Liquor License** to be operated at **"Chon Saan Palace Belmopan"** located at # 7281 G.P. HWY., City of Belmopan, Cayo District under the Intoxicating Liquor License Ordinance Revised Edition 1980.

Notice is hereby given that **Ling Hao** is applying for a **Restaurant Liquor License** to be operated at **"Clivia Restaurant"** located at # 10 South Ring Rd., City of Belmopan, Cayo District under the Intoxicating Liquor License Ordinance Revised Edition 1980.

Notice is hereby given that **Christian Galiano** is applying for a **Shop Liquor License** to be operated at **"Christian Galiano"** located in Cotton Tree Village, Cayo District under the Intoxicating Liquor License Ordinance Revised Edition 1980.

Notice is hereby given that **Francisco Monterrosa** is applying for a **Shop Liquor License** to be operated at **"E & F Shop"** located in Valley of Peace Village, Cayo District under the Intoxicating Liquor License Ordinance Revised Edition 1980.

Notice is hereby given that **Enio J. Ramirez** is applying for a **Shop Liquor License** to be operated at **"Enio's Shop"** located in Ontario Village, Cayo District under the Intoxicating Liquor License Ordinance Revised Edition 1980.

Notice is hereby given that **Xin Mei Zhao/ Feng Ying Tang** are applying for a **Shop Liquor License** to be operated at **"Three Flags -Blackman Eddy Village"** located in Blackman Eddy Village, Cayo District under the Intoxicating Liquor License Ordinance Revised Edition 1980.

Notice is hereby given that **Dina Rodriguez** is applying for a **Shop Liquor License** to be operated at **"Dina's Mini Shop"** located at # 15 Staines Alley, Orange Walk Town, Orange Walk District under the Intoxicating Liquor License Ordinance Revised Edition 1980.

Notice is hereby given that **Nailea Lima** is applying for a **Beer Liquor License** to be operated at **"Nai's Mini Shop"** located on San Lorenzo Road, Orange Walk Town, Orange Walk District under the Intoxicating Liquor License Ordinance Revised Edition 1980.

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**5GB** REGULAR DATA
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**3GB** SOCIAL MEDIA DATA
150 National minutes
200 SMS
**$35.00**
PRESS **1**

### EDGE PREPAY PLAN
**15GB** REGULAR DATA
+
**5GB** SOCIAL MEDIA DATA
UNLIMITED
on-net minutes + SMS
600 off-net minutes
**$60.00**
PRESS **2**

### PRIME PREPAY PLAN
**40GB** REGULAR DATA
+
**10GB** SOCIAL MEDIA DATA
UNLIMITED
NATIONAL CALLS + SMS
**$90.00**
PRESS **3**

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